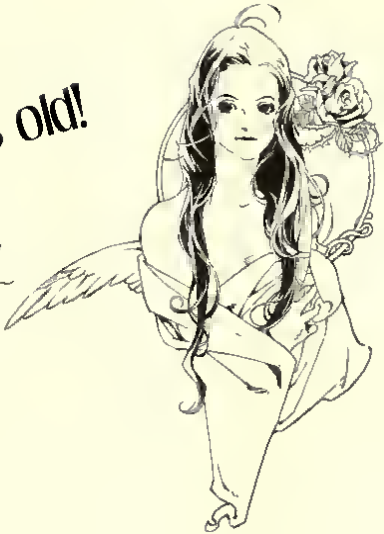
~4th Anniversary~
2007
One year since we changed our name to ETC,
but a total of 4 years as a scanlation group!
Time sure flies!
We hope you enjoy all our releases :]

2008:
ETC is 5 years old!

Let's wish for many more years of good manga~



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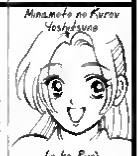
YOU'RE FINALLY HERE, YOSHITSUNE.
MINAMOTO NO YORITOMO...
ONII-SAMA_?

CHARACTER Profile

Memo	Bloodtype	Weight	Height	Age	Character name
☆ Before she was 15, Yoshitsune believed that she was male. However due to modern technology, she became a girl called Rye. Since then, Rye has absorbed Yoshitsune's consciousness and now lives this life.	B	48kg	158cm	In this manga, the characters age as the story progresses, so Rye's age will be used as a base	Minamoto no Kurou Yoshitsune (a.ka. Rye) 
☆ During his 3 year visit to the present, he was a ladies man who had 999 girl-friends. However after becoming Rye's vassal, he became serious in rebelling against the Heishi.	A	88kg	202cm	Older than Rye by 7 years	Musashibou Benkei
☆ He was the only character who received chocolates for Valentine's Day from the readers. There aren't many opportunities for him to appear but he is a very talented man who excels in playing the flute and composing tanka (poetry).	O	59kg	172cm	Older than Rye by 2 years	Taira no Koremori
☆ Readers often ask "What is the point of Aoi's existance?" He may be a very ordinary person, but to Rye, he is as necessary as air. He is a friend who she cannot live without.	A	60kg	170cm	Same age as Rye	Hiraga Aoi
☆ A person who loves pranks and jokes. He is the leader of the Genji. His archery skills are unsurpassed in the East. He also likes to eat deer meat.	AB	69kg	182cm	Older than Rye by 12 years	Minamoto no Yoritomo

YORITOMO-SAMA, DON'T—
PLEASE, HAVE MERCY—
AH...
ONII-SAMA...
What!?
THIS IS PUNISHMENT FOR THROWING MY SISTER OUT!
CUT OUT YOUR STOMACHS!
THIS PERSON IS REALLY YOSHITSUNE-SAMA?
ALL OF YOU, CUT OUT YOUR STOMACHS!
Phew
Aww, Yoshitsune-sama...
JUST KIDDING! ☆
HOW FUNNY!
YOSHI-TSUNE,
WANT TO EAT THIS TOGETHER?
Ah
HE'S...
DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I EXPECTED?

WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO GATHER YOUR TROOPS?
AH.. ONII-SAMA!
MY WIFE MASAKO'S SPECIALTY IS COOKING DEER MEAT..
WHERE IS MASAKO?
MASAKO!
I...
I CAME HERE FOR A REASON: TO DEFEAT THE HEISHI.
THEY TOOK AWAY SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND I WANT REVENGE!
YES.
THE ONE CALLED KAISON..
WAIT HERE FOR A WHILE.

EVEN IF WE ATTACK, WE HAVE NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS.
PRESENTLY, THE HEISHI ARE TOO POWERFUL!
YOSHI-TSUNE,
HAVING COME FROM THE CAPITAL, YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW...

I ALSO DETEST THE HEISHI.
THEY KILLED OUR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS,
AND FORCED ME TO GO TO THE EAST WHERE I HAD NO RELATIONS OR FRIENDS
I WAS ONLY 13.
ALONE, I DESPERATELY SEARCHED FOR SOMETHING THAT I COULD DO.
THE ENEMY IS LIKE A LARGE GROUP OF MONSTERS. THEREFORE, NOT JUST ANY SET OF TROOPS CAN DEFEAT THEM.

FOR THIS REASON, I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO IS TO DEVELOP A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ARMIES IN THE EAST.
IF THERE IS A FAMILY-LIKE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO GROUPS,
THEN THERE WILL NOT BE ANY BETRAYAL.
BUT, YOU AND I ALREADY HAVE A RELATIONSHIP FROM THE TIME THAT YOU WERE BORN,
A CLOSE RELATION-SHIP BONDED BY BLOOD
RELATION-SHIP...?
ALSO, WE WILL ALL HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE!
ONII-SAMA...

I AM SO THRILLED THAT YOU CAME TO FIND ME!
WAH...
YOU ARE MY ONE AND ONLY SISTER!
IRREPLACEABLE.
YOU ARE MY YOSHITSUNE.

I WILL PUT MY LIFE IN THIS PERSON'S HANDS.
AT THAT MOMENT, THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT.
I'M SO FORTUNATE THAT THIS PERSON IS MY BROTHER!
BEING ABLE TO MEET HIM,
I FEEL SO FORTUNATE...

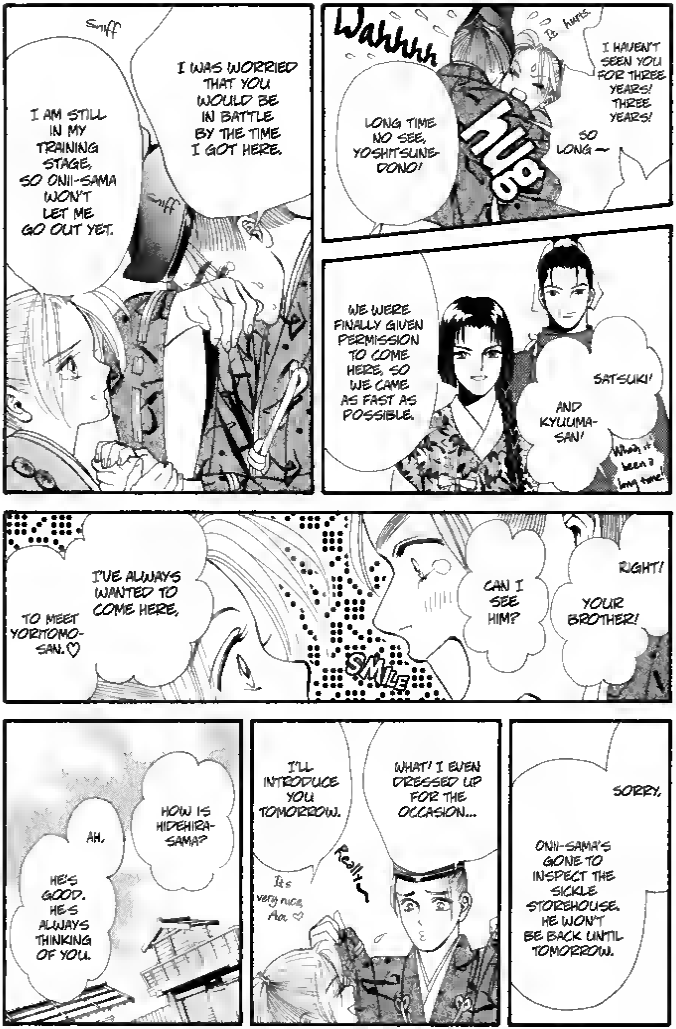
THE CAPITAL.
KAISON WAS.
THE CULPRIT?
YES.
KAISON HIRED SOME PEOPLE FROM THE CITY TO PRETEND TO BE BENKEI'S SPIRIT.
MUNE-MORI-SAMA,
KOREMORI-SAMA JUST REGAINED CONCIOUSNESS SO...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
..
Slide

HAVING RECEIVED SUCH A SERIOUS INJURY,
THE FACT THAT HE COULD SURVIVE UNTIL NOW,
IT'S PROBABLY DUE TO HIS AFFECTION FOR YOSHITSUNE.
RYO...

Smile
RAISE THE FLAG!
THE TIME HAS COME!
RAISE THE GENJI'S WHITE FLAG!
IN SUMMER OF 1180, AT IZU, MINAMOTO NO YORITOMO MUSTERED AN ARMY.
FINALLY, MEMBERS OF THE GENJI CLAN FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE COUNTRY ROSE UP.
八幡大菩薩
八幡大菩薩

YOSHITSUNE-DONO'S VASSAL?
WE TRAVELLED A VERY FAR DISTANCE TO COME HERE, PLEASE LET US SEE HER!
NO, GO BACK!
THAT... THEN,
PLEASE INFORM YOSHITSUNE-DONO THAT AOI AND THE SATOU SIBLINGS ARE HERE!
SO...
DENIED! DENIED!
RYO!
SHEP
WHY NOT? SO RUDE!
AOI...?
WHAT... RUDE!
YOU..
REALLY ARE AOI?

AOI!
IT REALLY IS YOU!
I'VE REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU!
RYO〜
YAY


Sniff
I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU WOULD BE IN BATTLE BY THE TIME I GOT HERE.
I AM STILL IN MY TRAINING STAGE, SO ONII-SAMA WON'T LET ME GO OUT YET.
Sniff
Wahhhh
It hurts
hug
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR THREE YEARS! THREE YEARS!
SO LONG ~
LONG TIME NO SEE, YOSHITSUNE-DONO!
WE WERE FINALLY GIVEN PERMISSION TO COME HERE, SO WE CAME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.
SAT-SUKI!
AND KYUUMA-SAN!
Whoa, it's been a long time!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME HERE,
TO MEET YORITOMO-SAN.♡
SMILE
CAN I SEE HIM?
RIGHT!
YOUR BROTHER!
AH,
HOW IS HIDEHIRA-SAMA?
HE'S GOOD. HE'S ALWAYS THINKING OF YOU.
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TOMORROW.
WHAT! I EVEN DRESSED UP FOR THE OCCASION...
Really~
It's very nice, Aa. ♡
SORRY,
ONII-SAMA'S GONE TO INSPECT THE SICKLE STOREHOUSE. HE WON'T BE BACK UNTIL TOMORROW.

RYO,
THIS IS FOR YOU.
CHRONOLOGY OF HISTORY ..?
Flip Flip
I'VE WRITTEN DOWN EVERYTHING THAT I CAN REMEMBER.
YOU CONTINUED WRITING THIS WHILE YOU WERE IN HIRAIZUMI?
I THOUGHT THAT WE COULD USE THIS AS A REFERENCE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT COME UP
THANK YOU...
I ALSO HAVE...
SOMETHING THAT I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO GIVE YOU...
DO YOU REMEMBER?
IT'S A PHOTO OF BENKEI AND YOU AT THE GOJOU BRIDGE DURING OUR GRADUATION TRIP.

I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE YOUR SIDE AGAIN!
I'M SO HAPPY...
I... I THOUGHT I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO SEE BENKEI'S FACE AGAIN, SO I...
...
RYO...?
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T REPLACE BENKEI...
I...
I WILL ALWAYS STAY BY YOUR SIDE!
REALLY...

Ryo
I'M GLAD I'M STILL ALIVE...
AOI...
IF I HAD DIED WITH BENKEI AT THAT TIME,
Whoa
THANK YOU...
THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THIS JOY!
I WILL WORK HARD,
BENKEI, WATCH OVER ME...
BECAUSE EVERYONE IS STANDING BESIDE ME...
GET UP, THE SUN IS UP!
AOI!!

I JUST ARRIVED YESTERDAY. I'M REALLY TIRED...
AOI!
LOOK! IT'S MY BROTHER WHO YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO MEET!
YOUR BROTHER ..?
SO, YOU'RE YOSHITSUNE'S VASSAL FROM THE OUSHUU LANDS?
WE'RE GOING HUNTING.
FLAP
I-I'M AOI.
GET UP
G-GOOD MORNING!
HURRY UP AND GET READY!
HUH?

GALLOP
GALLOP
IS HE REALLY MINAMOTO NO YORITOMO?
IS HE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU EXPECTED?
HE IS SUCH A GOOD BROTHER!
EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT IN ANY POSITION TO SAY THIS ABOUT OTHERS
OK.
YOUR ARCHERY SKILLS ARE TERRIBLE...
Eerk
Eerk
IT'S— THE BOW-STRING IS TOO TAUT...
THEN,
LET'S SWAP BOWS
I'M USED TO IT, SO I SHOULD BE ABLE TO AIM FAR.
DOES IT MATTER?
THE MOST IMPORTANT IS...
YOUR STRATEGY.
PULL
Would I be allowed

WHOOSH
Whomp
SO...
AWE-SOME!
Y-YES!
Work hard!
JUST FIND YOUR OWN KEY TO SUCCESS.
YOU CAN LEARN EVERYTHING ELSE FROM ME.
OCCASIONALLY, YOU NEED TO RELAX;
TO ALLOW YOURSELF TO FORGET EVERYTHING.
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP

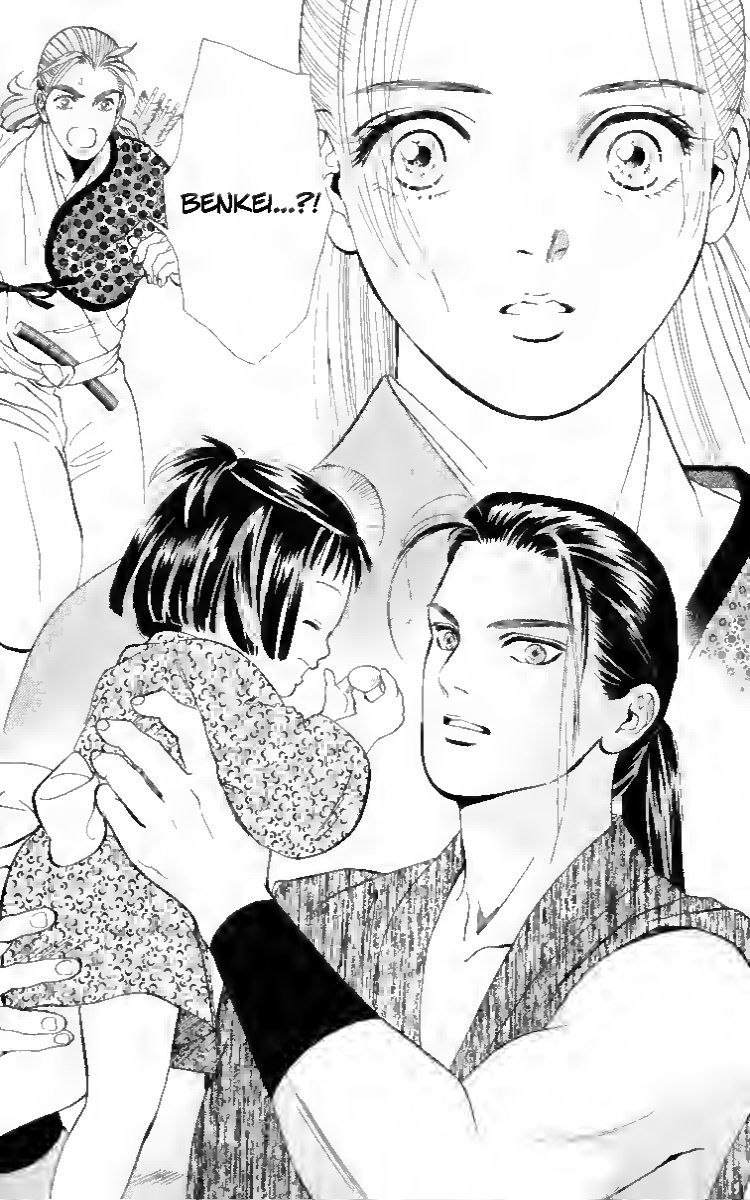
GALLOP
RYO..
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO TO THE BATTLE FIELD?
EH?
GALLOP
YES!
COUNCIL OF WAR..
A MILITARY STRATEGY MEETING?
GALLOP
GALLOP
YOSHI TSUNE,
COME TO TONIGHT'S COUNCIL OF WAR.
GALLOP
I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG
Sniff~
Sniff~
WITH THAT CHILD.
I SEE. THEN THAT MEANS HE WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK FOR YOU.
Sob
Sob
HE TOLD ME TO WAIT HERE.
OTOU ...?
PAT
YOU GOT SEPARATED FROM HIM?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHO ARE YOUR PARENTS?
Sob
Sob
OTOU'S GONE...
BEFORE YOUR FATHER COMES BACK, SHALL WE PLAY TOGETHER?
Those look quite tasty
WAAH!
OTOU!
Please!

*Otou – father

WHAT KIND OF FATHER IS HE!
...
LEAVING SUCH A SMALL CHILD HERE,
Poke
WHAT TO DO_
Waa~
Waa~
WANT TO DRAW PICTURES IN THE SAND?
Waa~
Waa~
BUILDING SAND CASTLES IS A LOT OF FUN!
Swish
Swish
IF YOU LOOK AT THE SUN THROUGH THIS, IT LOOKS VERY PRETTY, DON'T YOU THINK?
Shiny
Shiny
OTOU!
HUH...?
THIS IS CALLED A BLOSSOM SHELL.

I'M BACK, TAMA.
OTOU!
THE LITTLE GIRL'S FATHER IS BACK..
THEN WE SHOULD GO.
Hmm
PICK
!!

WERE THEY PLAYING WITH YOU?
THIS SHELL SHINES!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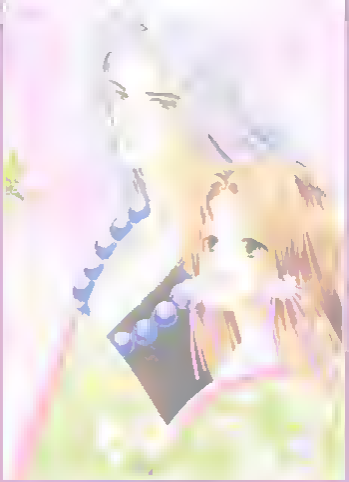

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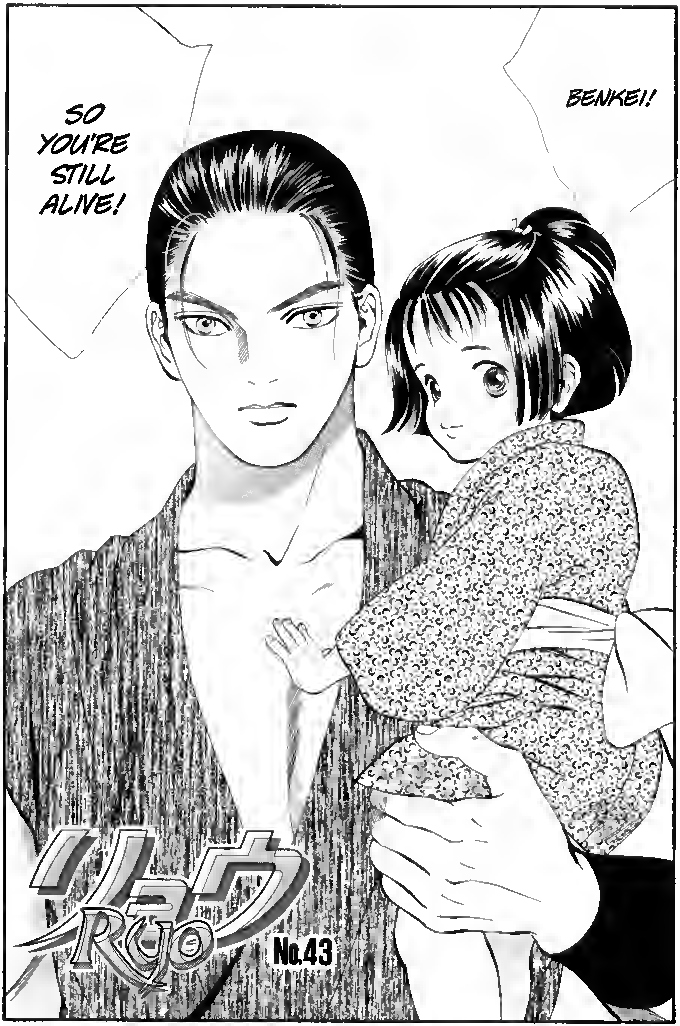
SO YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
BENKEI!
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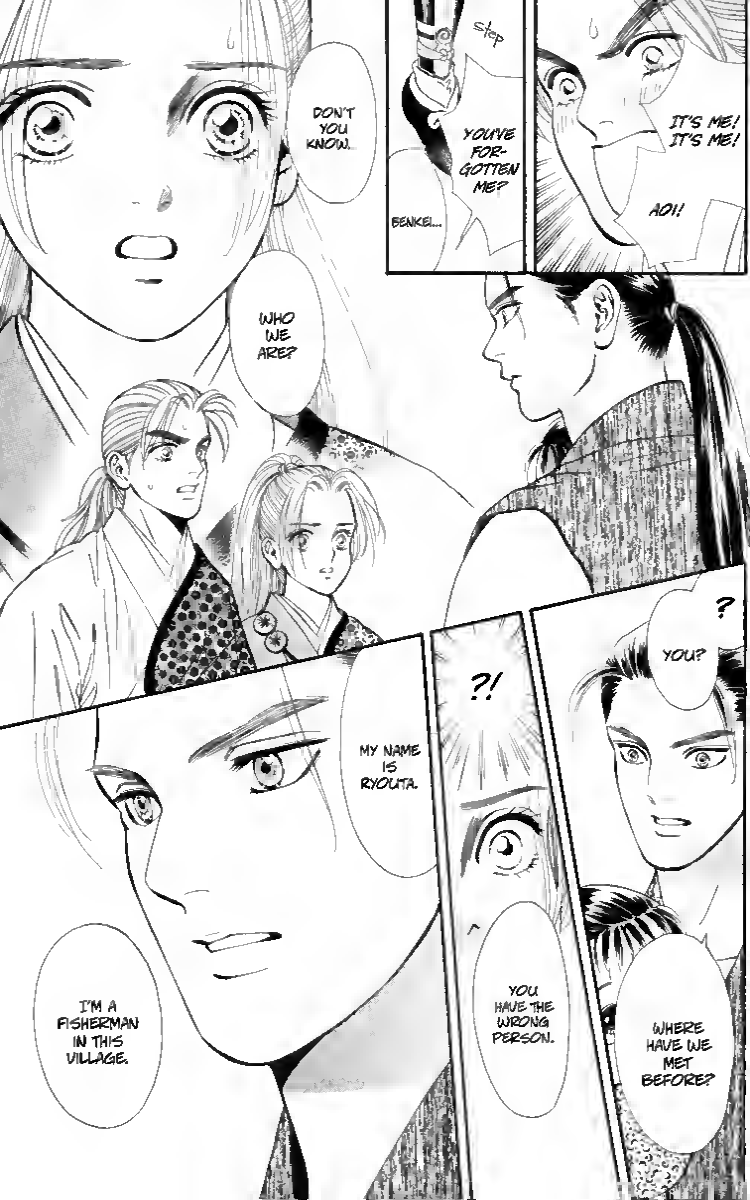
AH...?
THIS IS WONDER-FUL, BENKEI!
AH!
What?!
WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
THIS CHILD'S FATHER IS BENKEI?
BENKEI IS STILL ALIVE!
WH-
WHO ARE YOU?


DON'T YOU KNOW...
WHO WE ARE?
step
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ME?
BENKEI...
IT'S ME! IT'S ME!
AOI!
?
YOU?
?!
MY NAME IS RYOUTA.
I'M A FISHERMAN IN THIS VILLAGE.
YOU HAVE THE WRONG PERSON.
WHERE HAVE WE MET BEFORE?

OPEN
!
WRONG PERSON ?
STEP
WHA—
SORRY!
YOU'RE BENKEI!
THIS SCAR...
YOU ARE—
Grab
THESE SCARS ARE FROM MY LAST VOYAGE!
WHAT IS THE MATTER?
IT'S REALLY BENKEI?
ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME NEW SCARS THAT I DON'T RECOG-NIZE.

YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME?
I AM RYO...
YOU ARE MY VASSAL...
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
AH, IT'S A BM..
I DON'T RECALL!
I DO NOT REMEMBER BEING ANYONE'S SUBORDINATE!
Pulls away

Run
Run
Run
RYO, WAIT!
BENKEI...!
!!
BENKEI!
THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER MY DAUGHTER
I MUST LEAVE NOW.
HE'S LOST HIS MEMORY!
HE IS BENKEI!
I HAVENT GOT THE WRONG PERSON!
LOST...
HIS MEMORY...?

THAT'S EVEN MORE REASON TO TAKE HIM BACK WITH US;
SO THAT HE WILL REMEMBER US AGAIN.
YOSHI-TSUNE.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION HERE,
BUT, IF WE DON'T LEAVE SOON, WE WON'T MAKE IT TO OUR MILITARY SUMMIT.
BUT...
Dash
THANKS..
I'LL FOLLOW BENKEI TO CHECK UP ON HIM!
AOI.

OUR SPY IN THE CAPITAL REPORTS..
THAT THE HEISHI ARE ALREADY IN POSITION TO ATTACK THE EAST.
THEN, ISN'T IT TIME FOR US TO BEGIN OUR ATTACK?
I THINK NOT.
I HEARD THAT THE CAPITAL IS EXPERIENCING A GREAT FAMINE.
GATHERING ARMY PROVISIONS SHOULD TAKE SOME TIME.
LET US TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND STRIKE FIRST TO GET THE UPPER HAND, YORITOMO-DONO!
HMM.
WHAT DOES YOSHITSUNE-DONO THINK?
...
YOSHITSUNE-DONO!
AH,
YES?

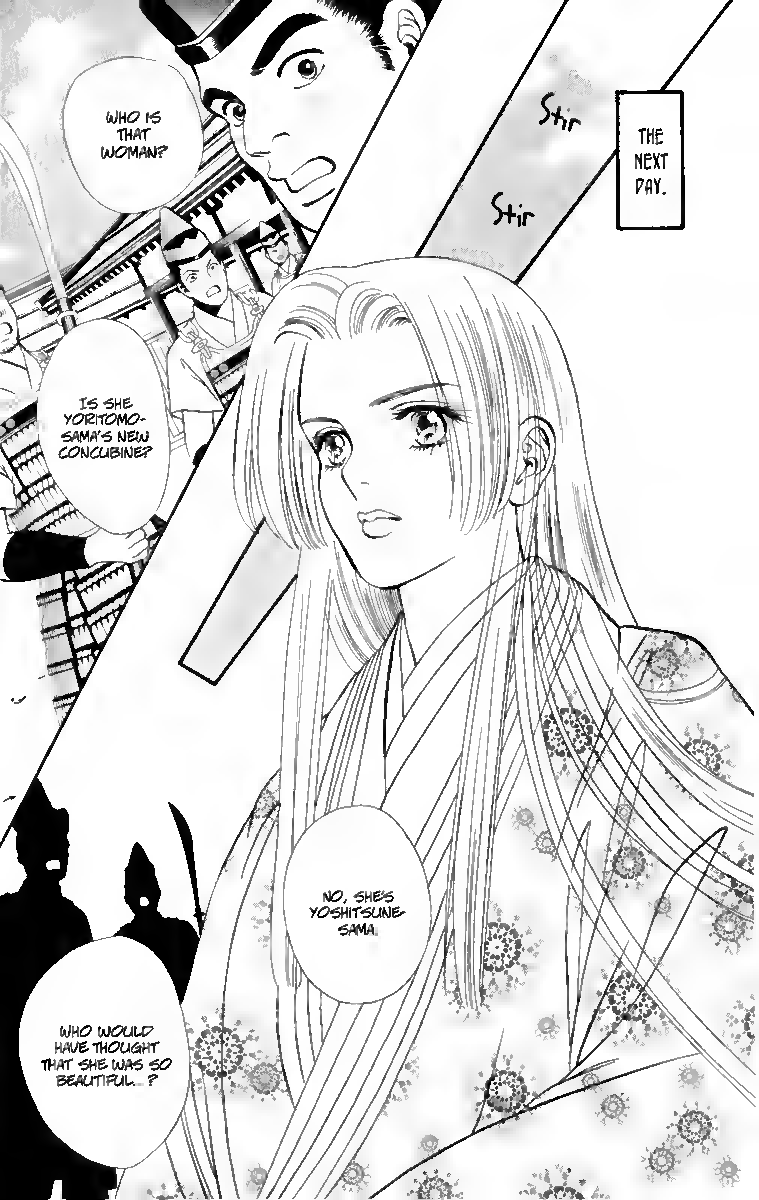
STIR
I HAVEN'T FORMULATED ANY THOUGHTS ON THE ISSUE.
S-SORRY.
THOUGHTS?
I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOSHITSUNE-DONO'S THOUGHTS.
STIR

I DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE.
HE REALLY IS BENKEI.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL FIXATED ON WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER, RIGHT? WHEN YOU MISTOOK THAT GUY FOR SOMEONE YOU KNEW.
SORRY, ONII-SAMA.

HE IS THE MAN THAT I'M ENGAGED TO.
...
I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HELP YOU.
BUT I STILL HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THE BATTLE.
I WON'T ADD TO YOUR WORRIES!
I WILL BRING BENKEI BACK WITH ME TO DEFEAT THE HEISHI
WE ONLY HAVE TEN DAYS LEFT.
WE HAVE TO DEPART IN TEN DAYS, YOSHI-TSUNE.

Sorry!
Ugh
RYO, I'M BACK!
THAT'S WHAT ONII-SAMA SAID
SO THAT THE NEWS WON'T SPREAD WE MUST NOT LET ANYONE KNOW YET.
DEPARTING IN TEN DAYS?!
KYUUMA, DON'T BE SO LOUD.
Pant
Pant
I KNOW WHERE BENKEI LIVES!
HOW WAS IT?
AOI,
ACCORDING TO THE PEOPLE NEARBY, HE MOVED IN TWO YEARS AGO.
THAT WAS WHEN BENKEI WENT MISSING.
TWO YEARS AGO,
WHAT?!
AN ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN THAT WE SET OFF IN TEN DAYS.
TEN DAYS...?
BUT, WE HAVE TO THINK UP SOMETHING WITHIN TEN DAYS.

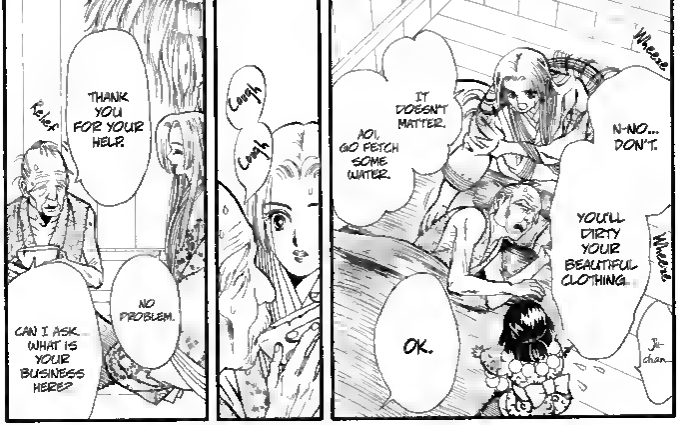
BESIDES, YOU ARE ONLY DOING IT FOR THE SAKE OF AVENGING BENKEI.
I KNOW!
BUT YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR LIFE!
THE REASON I CAME HERE WAS TO FIGHT...
WELL...
RYO, ARE YOU GOING, TOO?
SORRY, RYO...
THE ONE WHO IS MOST CONFUSED RIGHT NOW IS YOU
WE SHOULD FOCUS ON HOW TO GET BENKEI BACK WITHIN TEN DAYS.
IT IS A FACT THAT BENKEI IS STILL ALIVE.
TODAY'S ACHIEVEMENT IS ENOUGH.

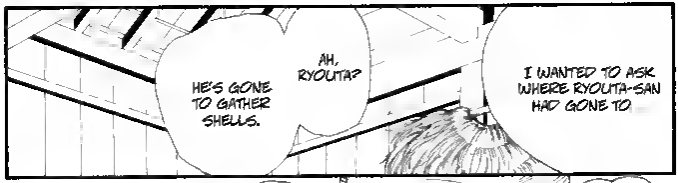

THE NEXT DAY.
Stir
Stir
WHO IS THAT WOMAN?
IS SHE YORITOMO-SAMA'S NEW CONCUBINE?
NO, SHE'S YOSHITSUNE-SAMA.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL...?

RYO..
SHE REALLY IS A WOMAN..
A GIRL WILL ALWAYS WANT TO PRESENT HER BEST APPEARANCE TO THE MAN SHE LOVES.
RYO MUST STILL LOVE BENKEI A LOT.
AOI!
LET'S GO QUICKLY!
Gallop
BENKEI'S HOME!
IT'S HERE!
Gallop

TAMA-CHAN!
WEREN'T WE JUST LOOKING AT BLOSSOM SHELLS TOGETHER YESTERDAY?
GALLOP
GALLOP
RUSH
AHHH!
AH... WAIT.
POP UP
NEE-CHAN?

TAMA, ARE THERE GUESTS?
YES, JII-CHAN.
IT'S MY TREASURE.
NEE-CHAN, LOOK!
ISN'T THIS PRETTIER THAN BLOSSOM SHELLS?
IT'S FEMKE'S PEARL NECKLACE!
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU NEED?
Cough
Cough
YOU'RE THE GUEST?
Cough
Cough
SORRY TO INTRUDE
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
JII-CHAN!
Cough
Cough


Kolen
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
CAN I ASK WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS HERE?
NO PROBLEM.
Cough
Cough
Whoosh
N-NO... DON'T.
YOU'LL DIRTY YOUR BEAUTIFUL CLOTHING.
Whoosh
Ji-chan
IT DOESN'T MATTER. AOI, GO FETCH SOME WATER.
OK.

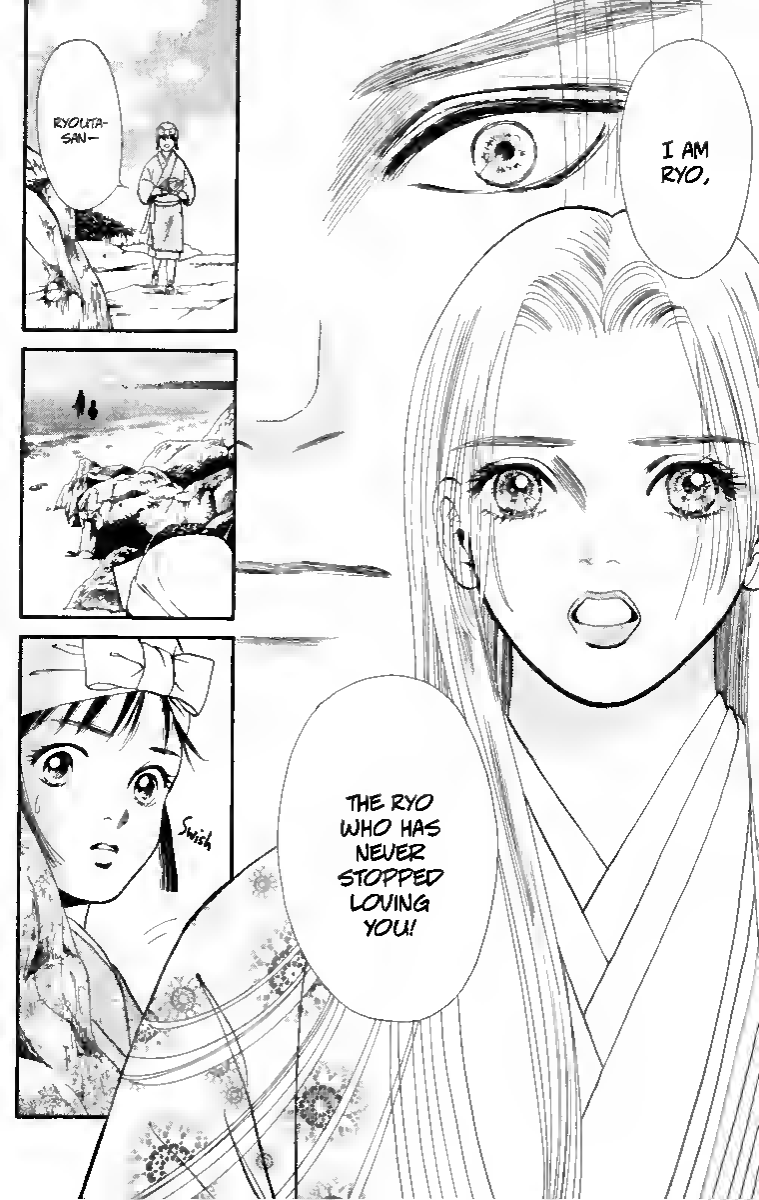

I WANTED TO ASK WHERE RYOUTA-SAN HAD GONE TO
AH, RYOUTA?
HE'S GONE TO GATHER SHELLS.

I SEE, THANK YOU.
O-OJOU-SAN,
WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH RYOUTA?
I HAVE TO FIND HIM. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.
PLEASE TAKE CARE, OJII-SAN.

*Ojou – lady

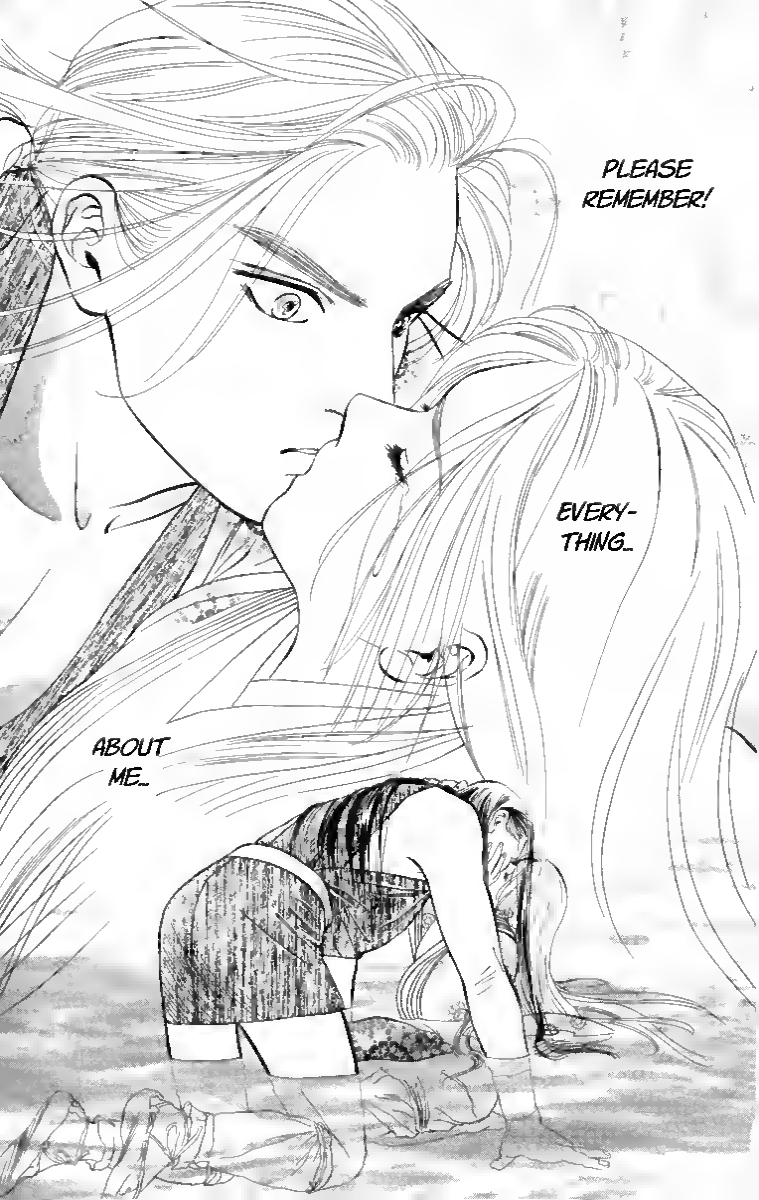
AH, THERE!
WAIT, AOI.
RYO, LET'S GO.
LET ME GO ALONE.
CAN YOU COPE?

IT'S YOU AGAIN!
I HAVE TO TELL YOU SOME-THING.
I APOLOGIZE, BUT I DO NOT HAVE TIME FOR YOUR NONSENSE.
WE HAVE TO WORK DAY AND NIGHT...
TO MAKE A LIVING.
PEOPLE OF YOUR STATUS WOULDN'T KNOW...
SPLASH, SPLASH
SPLASH!
SPLOSH!
H-HEY!
PLEASE, LOOK AT ME!


RYOUTA-SAN—
I AM RYO,
THE RYO WHO HAS NEVER STOPPED LOVING YOU!
Swish

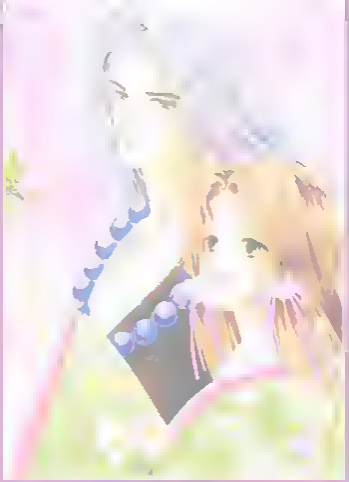
BEFORE, YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU LOVE ME!
I'VE SAID...
THAT I LOVE YOU?
AHH!
SPLASH
SWIP
LOOK AT ME CAREFULLY!
WAIT.
WE JUST MET YESTERDAY!
HOW COULD THAT HAVE HAPPENED?

SUCH BEAUTIFUL CLOTHING RUINED.
HONESTLY!
...
Fwish
GRAB
!!
SPLASH


PLEASE REMEMBER!
EVERY-THING...
ABOUT ME...

I AM RYOUTA!
NOT THIS BENKEI THAT YOU KNOW!
PLEASE STOP THIS!
SPLASH

I DON'T KNOW YOU AT ALL!



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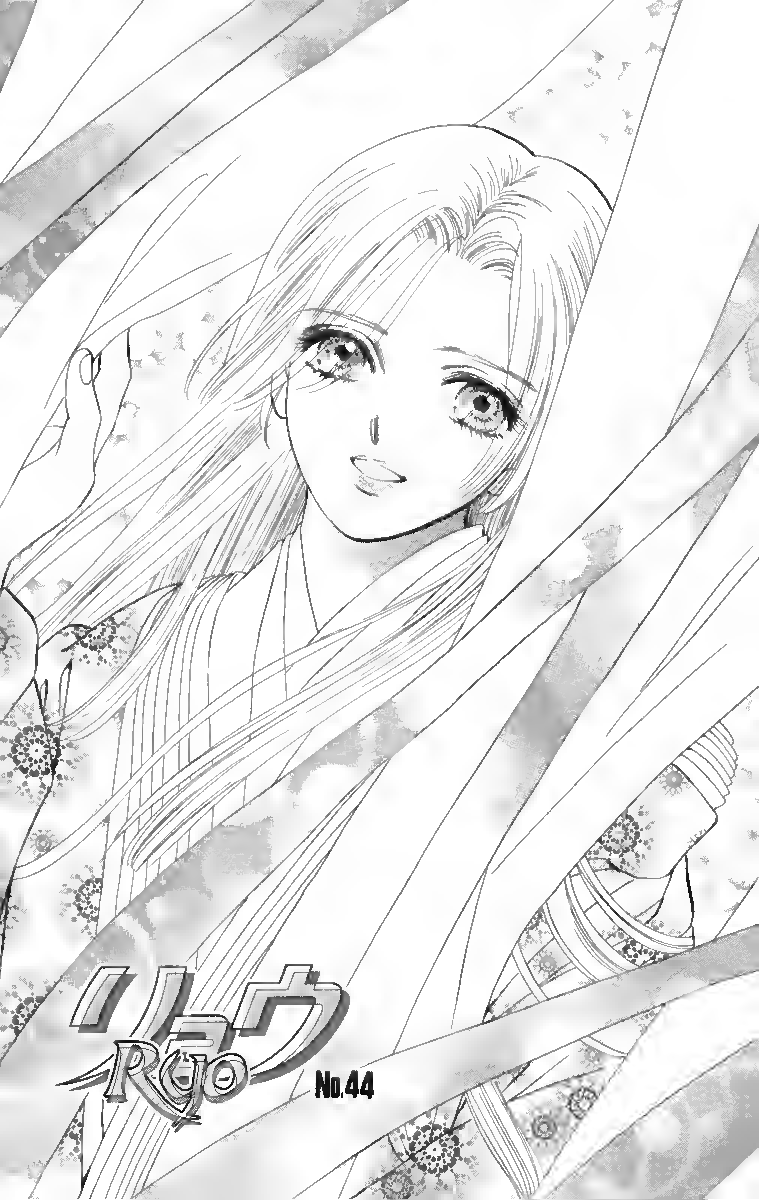
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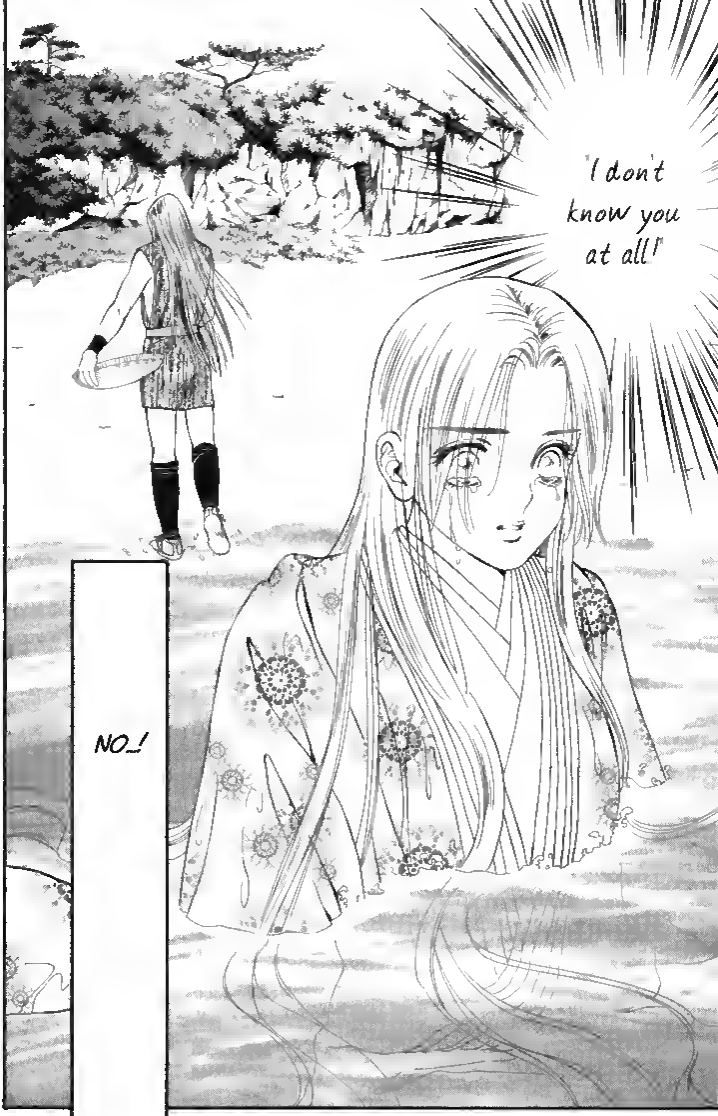

"I don't know you at all!"
NO...!

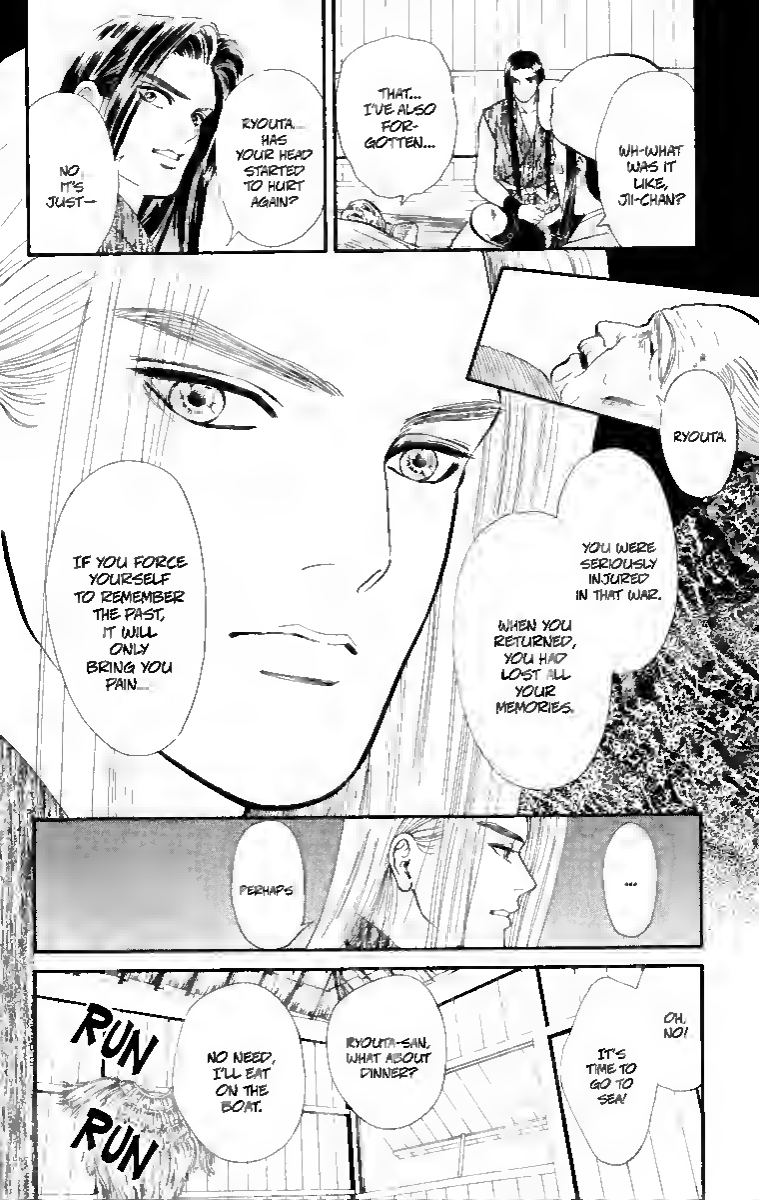
AH...
Rustle
IT WASN'T SUCCESSFUL?
BENKEI IS NOT COMING BACK!
HOW DID YOU GET SO WET ?
RYO!
Dash
Sob
Sob
Sob

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
UH...
UH...
UHH...
TO WHERE BENKEI LIVES...
EH?
BUT...
I DON'T WANT THIS, HIM FORGETTING THE TIMES THAT WE SPENT TOGETHER.
DEFINITELY NOT!
BENKEI HAS ACTUALLY FORGOTTEN ME...

AH!
OKAA!
RYOUTA-SAN, YOU'RE RATHER EARLY TODAY!
WELCOME BACK, TAMA.
SO, SHE IS...
BENKEI'S WIFE?

YOU'RE NOT GOING?
Step
Step
Step
IT'S ALSO MY FIRST TIME SEEING...
BENKEI LOOKING SO HAPPY...
BENKEI'S SMILE.
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN...

RYOUTA...
SOMEONE CAME HERE ASKING FOR YOU A MOMENT AGO
THERE WAS A VERY PRETTY NEE-CHAN!
SHE IS MISTAKEN, THAT'S ALL.
SHE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO RESEMBLES ME.
SO...
SHE HAD THE WRONG PERSON
I am Ryo!
The Ryo who has never stopped loving you!
This scar is the same as Benkei's...
NAMI...
WHAT?
THE BATTLE THAT I FOUGHT IN TWO YEARS AGO
WHAT WAS IT LIKE?


WH-WHAT WAS IT LIKE, JII-CHAN?
THAT... I'VE ALSO FOR-GOTTEN...
RYOUTA... HAS YOUR HEAD STARTED TO HURT AGAIN?
NO, IT'S JUST—
RYOUTA.
YOU WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THAT WAR.
WHEN YOU RETURNED, YOU HAD LOST ALL YOUR MEMORIES.
IF YOU FORCE YOURSELF TO REMEMBER THE PAST, IT WILL ONLY BRING YOU PAIN...
...
PERHAPS
OH, NO!
IT'S TIME TO GO TO SEA!
RYOUTA-SAN, WHAT ABOUT DINNER?
NO NEED, I'LL EAT ON THE BOAT.
RUN
RUN

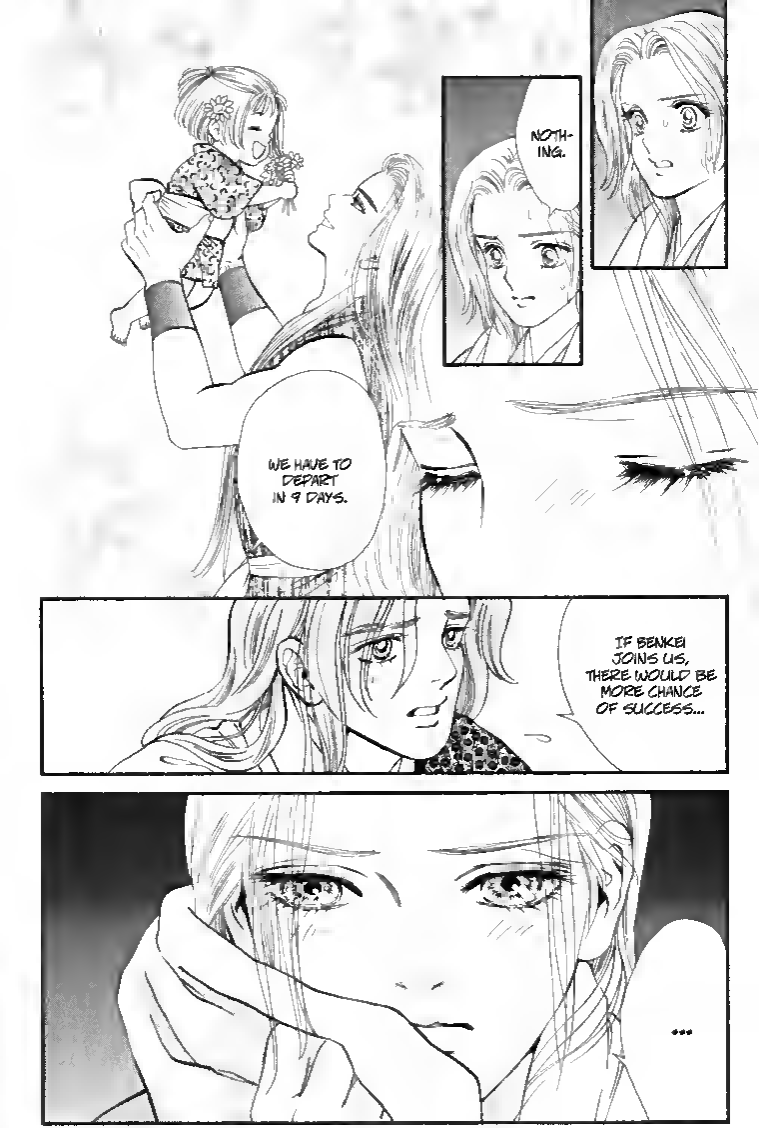
JII-CHAN...
THE PERSON WHO VISITED TODAY IS RYOUTA'S FORMER LOVER
YOU SAW...
NAMI?
SHE MUST HAVE COME TO TAKE HIM BACK!
BUT, RYOUTA HASN'T REMEMBERED ANYTHING, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.

FROM THE TIME WHEN WE RESCUED RYOUTA TWO YEARS AGO,
HE HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT HE IS RYOUTA, AND LIVED TOGETHER WITH US...
Splash...

Splash
Splash...
Splash
Don't go!
If we separate now, we wont see each other anymore!
Trust me
Don't go!

STARTLED
WAAH!
WHAT IS IT, RYOUTA?
YOU WERE DREAMING?
AH...
DID YOU DREAM OF GETTING SHOUTED AT BY YOUR WIFE?
Wai, ha ha
Don't go!
SHE...
WAS NOT NAMI...

COMPARED TO RYO'S SPLIT PERSONALITY,
I THOUGHT THAT BENKEI'S LOSS OF MEMORY WOULD BE SIMPLER MATTER, AND EASIER TO RESOLVE.
AS I RECOVERED YOSHITSUNE'S MEMORIES,
IT WAS I WHO CHOSE TO BE 'RYO'...
WHAT?
COULD IT BE THAT BENKEI...
COULD...


NOTH-
ING.
WE HAVE TO
DEPART
IN 9 DAYS.
IF BENKEI
JOINS US,
THERE WOULD BE
MORE CHANCE
OF SUCCESS...
...

ALLOW ME TO ACCOMPANY YOU.
YOSHITSUNE-DONO
KAISON..
YOU'RE GOING TO SEE BENKEI CORRECT?
IF HE SEES ME, THE PERSON WHO GREW UP WITH HIM, PERHAPS HE WILL BE ABLE TO REMEMBER HIS PAST.
EVEN IF THAT FAILS, WE CAN ALWAYS USE FORCE TO BRING HIM BACK...
!!
NO!
WE CAN'T USE FORCE!
WE NEED BENKEI BEFORE WE CAN DEPART.
ONCE WE HAVE BENKEI—
I'M NOT DOING IT FOR THE DEPARTURE!
BUT—
KAISON!

IF YOU ACT RECK-LESSLY,
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
WHICH WILL RUIN HIS PRESENT LIFE..
IF I BRING BEAKEI BACK WITH ME,
THEN HE MUST GO TO WAR..
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
BUT..!

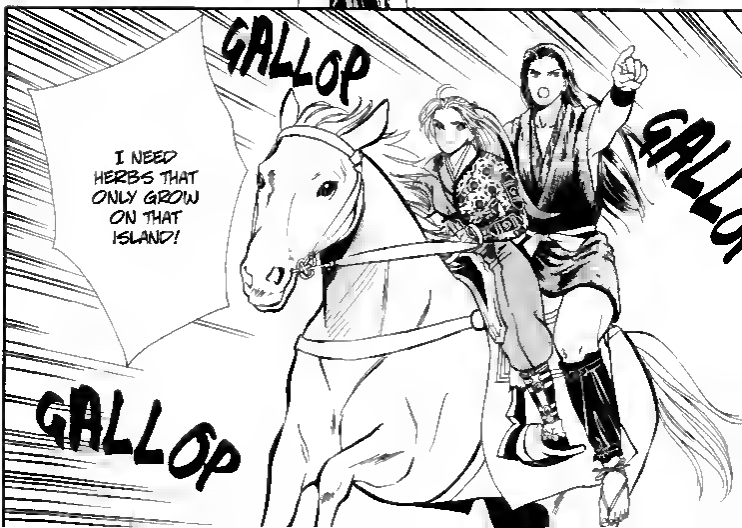
IT'S VERY COLD THIS MORNING.
RYOUTA-SAN.
PLEASE PUT THIS ON
NO NEED I'LL JUST WEAR THIS.
I WANT TO SEE BENKEI!
BUT THAT IS COVERED WITH HOLES.
AND FILTHY..
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
ISN'T THIS THE COAT THAT YOU KNITTED FOR ME?
AH...
YES...
I...
JUST NEED TO WEAR THIS TO FEEL SAFE.
I WANT TO SEE HIM AT EVERY HOUR AND EVERY MOMENT!
IT WARMS ME TO THE DEPTHS OF MY HEART.

NAMI, WHEN DID YOU KNIT IT FOR ME?
I'VE... FOR GOTTEN.
JII-CHAN, ARE YOU COLD?
...
DO YOU NEED ANOTHER COVER?
!!
JII-CHAN?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HIS TEMPER-ATURE IS HIGH!
WHERE IS THE MEDICINE?
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE!
I'M GOING TO FIND SOME HERBS!
Tap
Tap
GALLOP
GALLOP
!!
GALLOP
BENKEI!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OJI-SAN, HE—
AH, HIS COAT!
NOTHING!
IT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU!

WAIT!
WHAT HAPPENED TO OJI-SAN?
Tap

...


I NEED HERBS THAT ONLY GROW ON THAT ISLAND!
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP

Slogger
IF YOU DON'T HOLD ON TIGHT, YOU WILL FALL OFF!
WAH!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
THE TIDE IS OUT, SO WE WON'T NEED A BOAT. WE CAN JUST GO ACROSS!
O-OK!
THUMP
THE BEAR-SKINNED COAT THAT I GAVE HIM
HE HAS KEPT IT UNTIL NOW
I'M...
TRULY HAPPY

WHAT KIND OF HERB IS IT?
LET ME HELP YOU.
IT'S A DARK GREEN HERB WHICH GROWS NEAR THE CLIFF.
THERE IT IS!
IS THAT IT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
Pant
Pant
SPURT
SPLASH
NO... I CAN'T...
I'M... SCARED OF HIGH PLACES
Pant
Pant

BENKEI FELL OFF A CLIFF INTO THE OCEAN...
I'LL GET IT!
SPLASH
ARE YOU... OK?
DON'T... DON'T WORRY, LEAVE IT UP TO ME.
BENKEI HAS ACTUALLY BECOME AFRAID OF HEIGHTS..
GAHL..
...FROM WHEN HE DUELED WITH KOREMORI
HE MUST BE TERRIFIED
!!

Ahhh...
SLIDE
SLIDE
RYO-
DONO!
EH?

AHHH!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

ZZ
ZZ

Splash...
UGH...
BEN-EENKEI!
PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETHER!
ARE YOU OK?
RYO
RYO DONO

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JUST NOW–
YOU SAID "RYO-DONO..."
YOU'VE REGAINED YOUR MEMORIES, BENKEI!
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THAT'S GREAT..
BENKEI...!
UGH!
BENKEI!
...THE HERBS...
DON'T MOVE.
YOU INJURED YOUR HEAD!
I'LL DELIVER IT FOR YOU!
WAIT FOR ME. I'LL BE BACK SOON!
Neighhh
Splash
Splash
Run
Run
THE TIDE IS ALREADY IN!

BENKEI HAS RECOVERED!
Splash
AFTER I GAVE THE HERBS TO OJII-SAN
I'LL TAKE THE BOAT TO RETRIEVE BENKEI.
AND THEN...
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
AND THEN...
GALLOP

UH...
UHH..
RUSTLE
AFTER THIS, SHE..
IF SHE..
LOSES BOTH HER GRANDFATHER AND BEAKER ON THE SAME DAY,

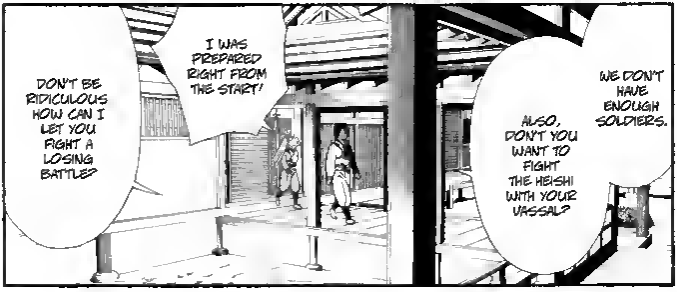
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU RETURNED ON YOUR OWN?
BENKEI!
I AM RYOUTA.
SORRY...
FOR HAVING YOU HELP SO MUCH
RYOUTA?!
IT'S RYOUTA!
RYOUTA IS BACK!
RYOUTA-SAN!

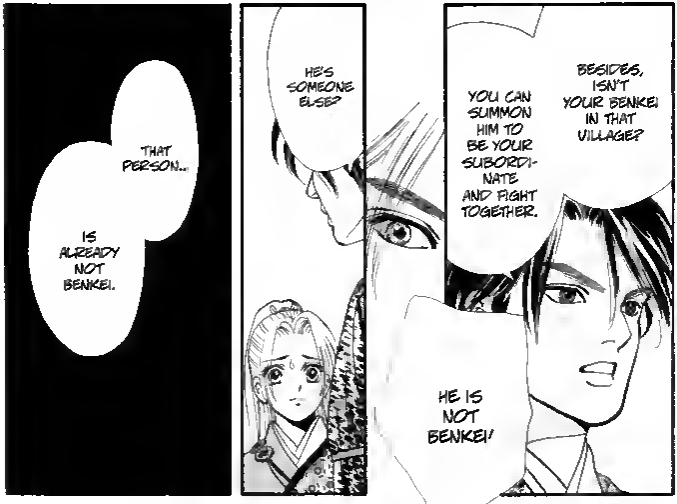
I THOUGHT THAT HE WAS BENKEI AGAIN
Gallop
Gallop
I THOUGHT THAT HE HAD RECOVERED HIS MEMORIES.
RYOUTA...?
AHHHHH!!!
Gallop
BUT THEN THAT'S GOOD IT'S CONVENIENT.
EVERYONE IS GATHERED IN ONE SPOT!
WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE?
Step
Step
Step
Step
Step
I'VE COME TO PROCLAIM MINAMOTO NO YORITOMO-SAMA'S ORDER.
WH-WHO ARE YOU?

スナオ
100 MEN?
WHAT?
IN ORDER TO SUPPRESS THE HEISHI, WE NEED TO RECRUIT 100 MEN FROM YOUR VILLAGE.
WHAT IS THIS? RECRUIT 100 MEN?
WHY WAS I NOT INFORMED?
WE JUST RECEIVED THE COMMAND
THEY ARE NOT FIGHTERS!
YO-YOSHI-TSUNE-SAMA.
YOSHI-TSUNE..?
WHY IS SHE HERE?
Clatter
Clatter
THAT PERSON IS YOSHI-TSUNE-SAMA?
BUT,
WE WERE TOLD THAT THE RECRUITED SOLDIERS ARE FOR YOSHITSUNE-DONO

MY SOLDIERS..?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? 100 PEOPLE.
NO I DON'T WANT MY CHILD TO GO TO WAR!
I DON'T WANT TO GO, EITHER!
I DON'T CARE WHAT ARGUMENTS YOU HAVE YORITOMO-SAMA'S ORDER MUST BE OBEYED!
IN 3 DAYS, SEND 100 MEN TO THE CITY!
FIND MEN WHO ARE YOUNG AND STURDY,
LIKE THIS MAN HERE.
STOP!
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HIM!
Y-YES,
YOSHI-TSUNE-SAMA.

PLEASE STOP CONSCRIPTING THE VILLAGERS FOR THE WAR!
NII-SAMA!


DON'T BE RIDICULOUS HOW CAN I LET YOU FIGHT A LOSING BATTLE?
I WAS PREPARED RIGHT FROM THE START!
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SOLDIERS.
ALSO, DON'T YOU WANT TO FIGHT THE HEISHI WITH YOUR VASSAL?


THAT PERSON..
IS ALREADY NOT BENKEI.
HE'S SOMEONE ELSE?
YOU CAN SUMMON HIM TO BE YOUR SUBORDI-NATE AND FIGHT TOGETHER.
BESIDES, ISN'T YOUR BENKEI IN THAT VILLAGE?
HE IS NOT BENKEI!

Splash
LET'S LEAVE THIS VILLAGE.
...
RYOUTA-SAN...
IT IS REALLY YOU, NAMI!
LET'S LEAVE BEFORE THINGS BECOME WORSE.
NAMI?
NAMI...
IF THIS CARRIES ON...
YOU WILL DEFINITELY BE DRAFTED.

I... I DON'T KNOW THIS PERSON.
LET'S LEAVE.
Dash
I RECENTLY CAME TO IZU FOR MY WEDDING.
AH. IS THAT MAN YOUR NEW HUSBAND?
IS SHE YOUR FRIEND?
N-NO.
DON'T PRETEND NAMI!
IT'S ME, YUKI, YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
NAMI WHAT IS THE MATTER? WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN THE PAST 2 YEARS~
EVERYONE IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
WORRIED THAT YOU CAN'T RECOVER FROM RYOUTA'S DEATH.
YOU'VE SAID ENOUGH!
Step
Step
Step
I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU!
SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEVER HAPPENED! STOP SAYING SUCH NONSENSE!
...

THAT REALLY SHOCKED ME...
After Ryouta's death...
Blow Blow
SHE MADE MANY RIDICULOUS COMMENTS.
THE RIDICULOUS ONE IS YOU
AM I REALLY RYOUTA?
OR AM I THAT MAN CALLED BENKEI?
...!!

I'VE ALWAYS FOUND IT STRANGE--
COMPARED TO WHAT NAMI AND JII-SAN HAVE SAID
WHY DOES WHAT YOSHITSUNE-SAMA SAY SEEM TO MAKE MORE SENSE...?

WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER ANYTHING OF MY LIFE AS RYOUTA?
RYOUTA-SAN IS RYOUTA-SAN!
RYOUTA-SAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY HUSBAND!

...
SNIFF
SNIFF
UH, UH...
CLANG
O'OU...
YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME!

RYOUTA-SAN..
YOU ARE STILL SUSPICIOUS?
SO-SORRY.
I'M VERY TIRED. LET ME SLEEP
I LOVE YOU RYOUTA-SAN.
I WILL LOVE YOU UNTIL I DIE.
SAVE
SAVE

AM I ACTUALLY THAT MAN CALLED BENKEI ?
IF SO,
THEN I...

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO RUN TO?
WE ARE GOING NORTH.
WE ARE INDEBTED TO JII-SAN AND RYOUTA, SO WE'VE COME TO SAY GOODBYE.
Gallop
Gallop
Gallop
Gallop
Gallop
RUN
NAMI?
HIDE INSIDE.
SOMEONE IS COMING!
YOSHI-TSUNE-SAMA!
BE CAREFUL!

YOSHITSUNE-SAMA,
I BEG OF YOU!
PLEASE DON'T TAKE RYOUTA-SAN AWAY!
Neighhhhh
MY DAUGHTER AND I CANNOT LIVE ON.
IF YOU TAKE RYOUTA-SAN AWAY
JII-CHAN IS DEAD.
?
Run
Run
N-
NO...
THERE ARE PEOPLE INSIDE?
NAMI...
Clatter

Kneel
PLEASE, LET THEM GO!
BOTH HIS WIFE AND CHILD ARE ILL...
I'M NOT HERE TO RECRUIT SOLDIERS.
I ONLY CAME TO PUT SOME FLOWERS ON OJII-SAN'S GRAVE.
RYOUTA-SAN, CAN YOU TAKE ME THERE?
I... I UNDERSTAND.
NO, RYOUTA-SAN!
IF THAT IS THE CASE—
YOU CAN'T GO!
YOSHITSUNE-SAMA WOULDN'T LIE.
OYOU...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I WILL BE BACK SOON.
DOES TAMA WANT TO GO, TOO?
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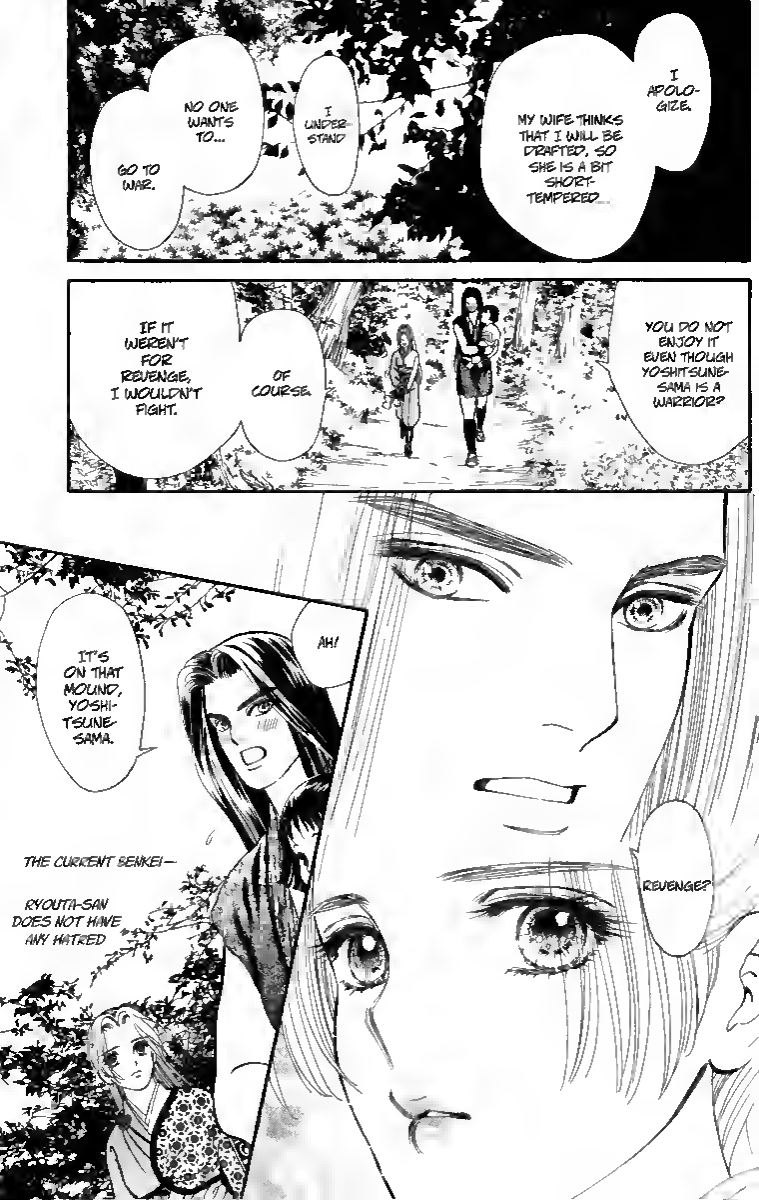
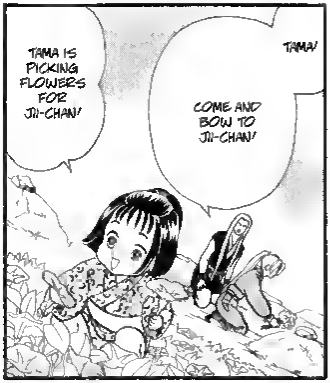
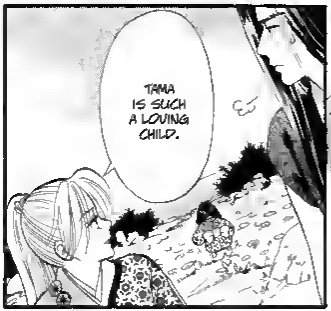
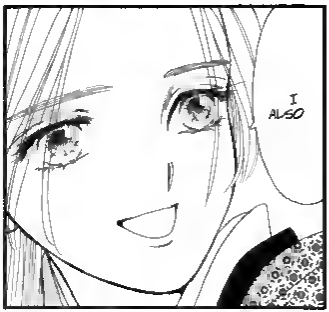
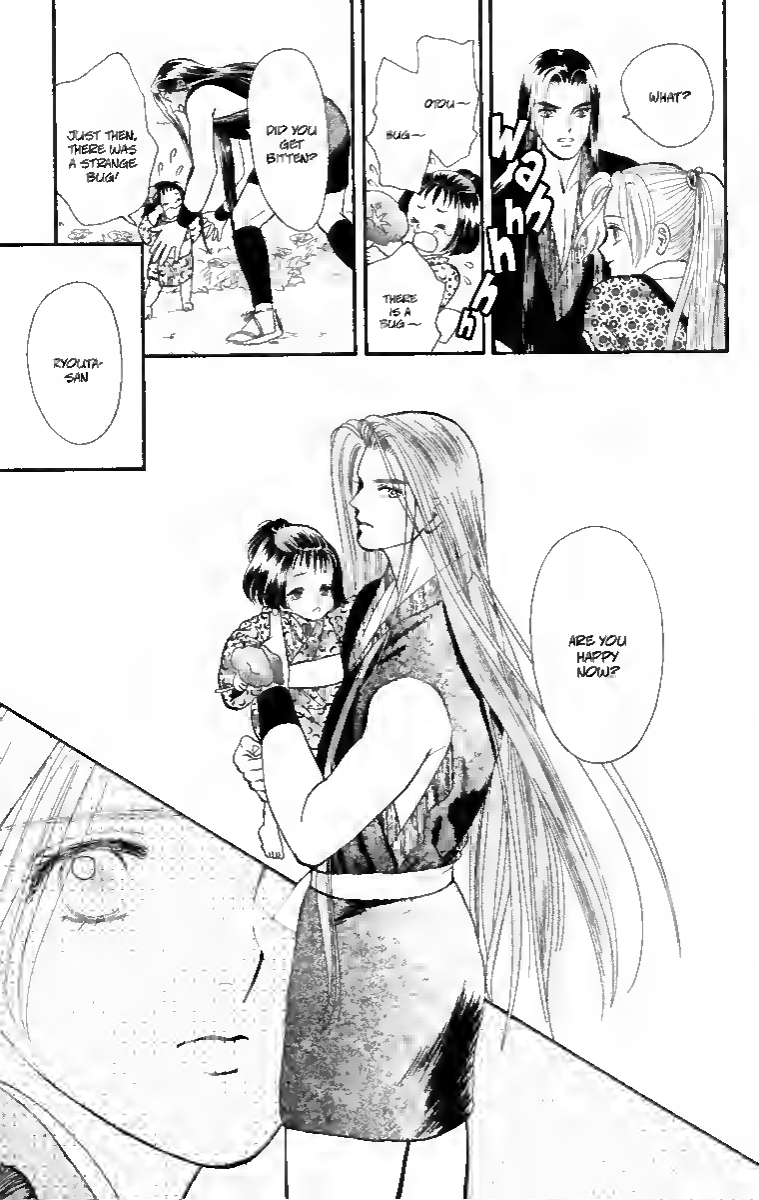

I APOLOGIZE.
MY WIFE THINKS THAT I WILL BE DRAFTED, SO SHE IS A BIT SHORT-TEMPERED...
I UNDERSTAND
NO ONE WANTS TO...
GO TO WAR.
YOU DO NOT ENJOY IT EVEN THOUGH YOSHITSUNE-SAMA IS A WARRIOR?
OF COURSE.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR REVENGE, I WOULDN'T FIGHT.
AH!
IT'S ON THAT MOUND, YOSHI-TSUNE-SAMA.
REVENGE?
THE CURRENT SENKEI—
RYOUTA-SAN DOES NOT HAVE ANY HATRED

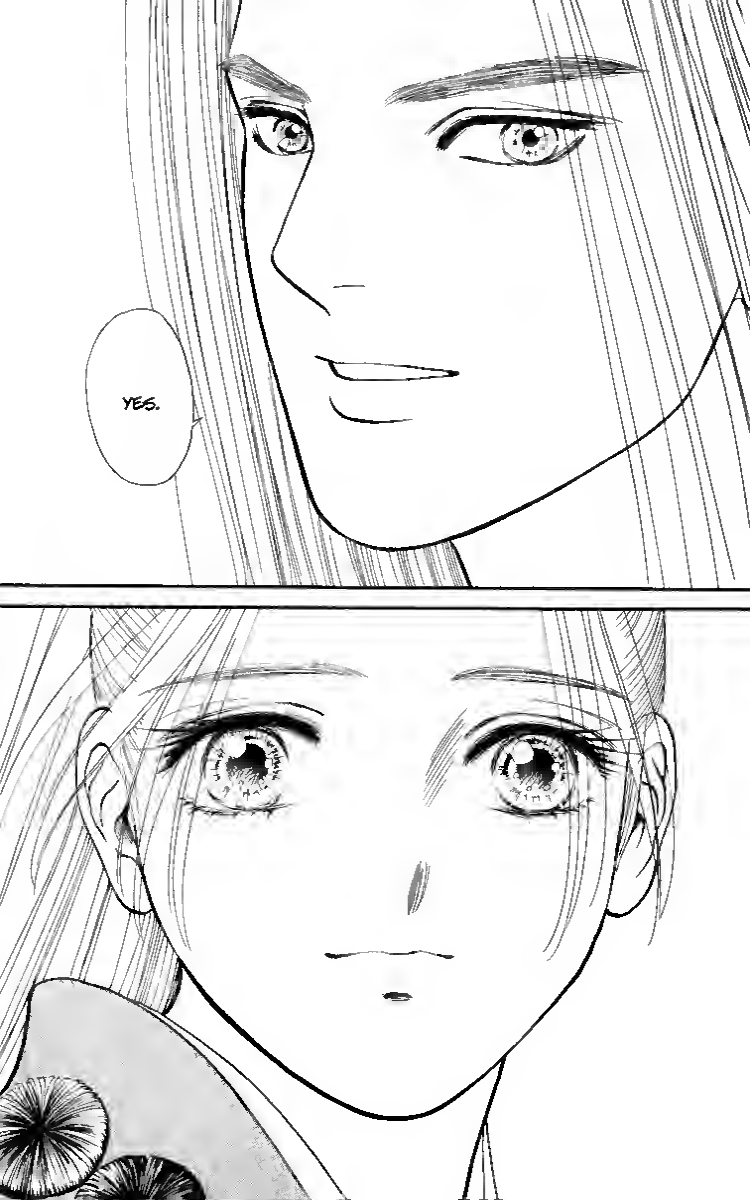

TAMA IS PICKING FLOWERS FOR JII-CHAN!
TAMA!
COME AND BOW TO JII-CHAN!


TAMA IS SUCH A LOVING CHILD.

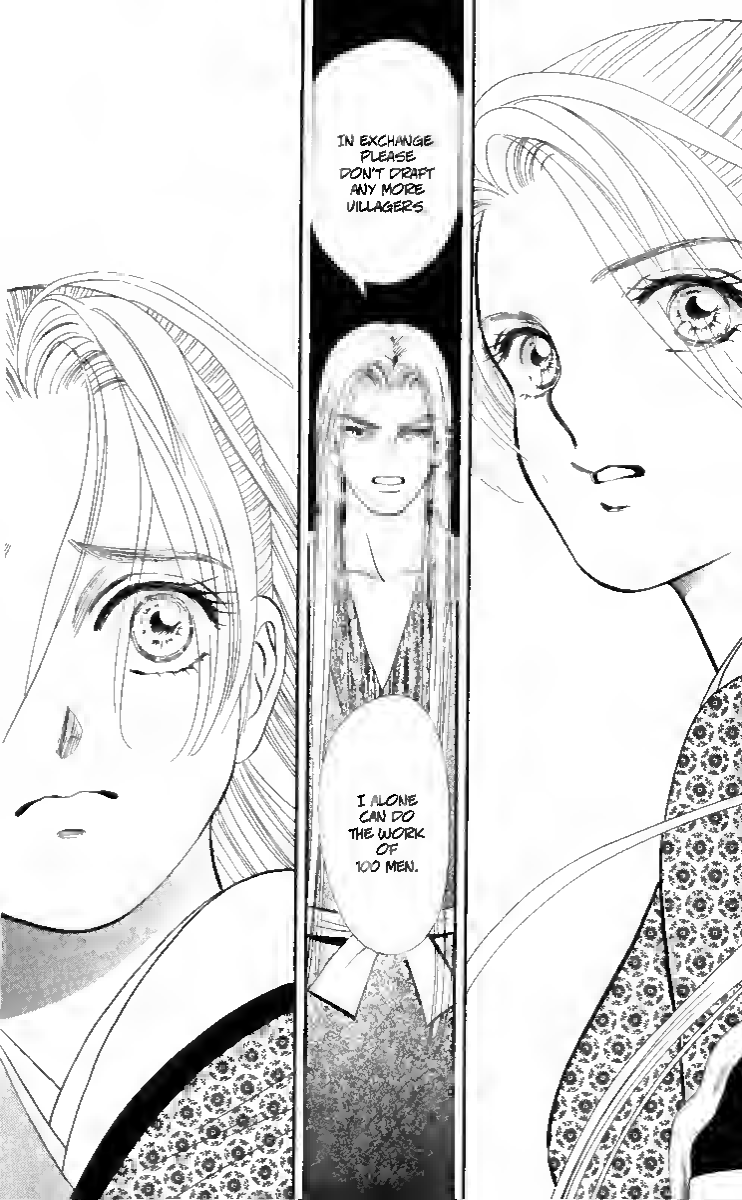

I ALSO

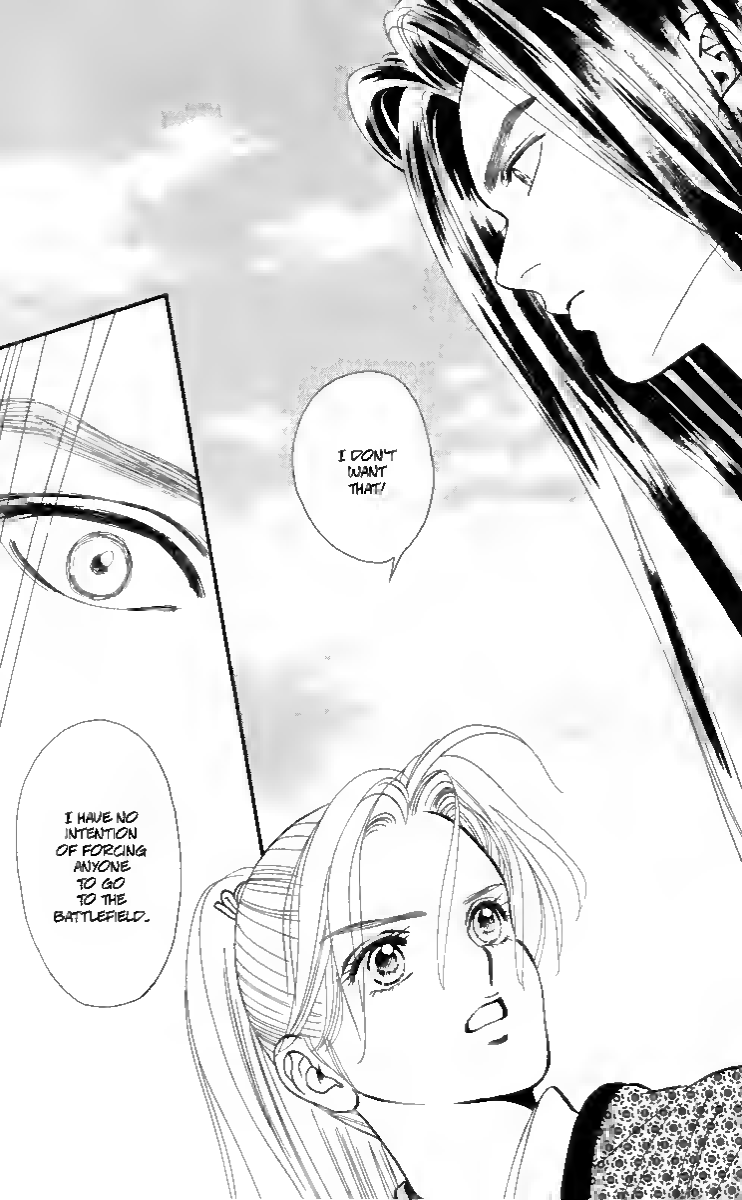
BOTH HIS HATRED TOWARDS THE HEISHI AND THE NIMBLENESS HE POSSESSED AS MY VASSAL...
HAVE VANISHED

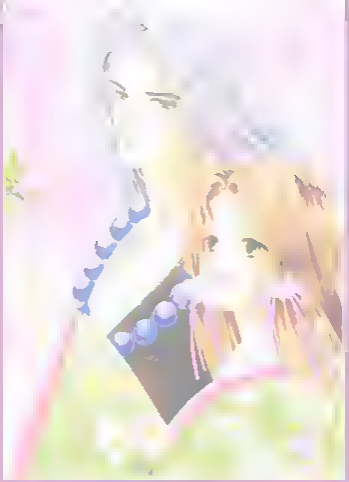

WHAT?
WAHHH
OTOU~
BUG~
THERE IS A BUG~
DID YOU GET BITTEN?
JUST THEN, THERE WAS A STRANGE BUG!
RYOUTA-SAN
ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?


YES.

YOUR MOTHER HAS PROBABLY COOKED REALLY GOOD FOOD FOR YOU!
TAMA'S BELLY IS HUNGRY~
SNIFF SNIFF
YO-SHI-TSUNE-SAMA,
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO BE YOUR VASSAL.


IN EXCHANGE PLEASE DON'T DRAFT ANY MORE VILLAGERS.
I ALONE CAN DO THE WORK OF 100 MEN.


I DON'T WANT THAT!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FORCING ANYONE TO GO TO THE BATTLEFIELD.



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Please allow me to be your vassal, Yoshitsune-sama
I don't want that!
I have no intention of forcing anyone to go to the battlefield

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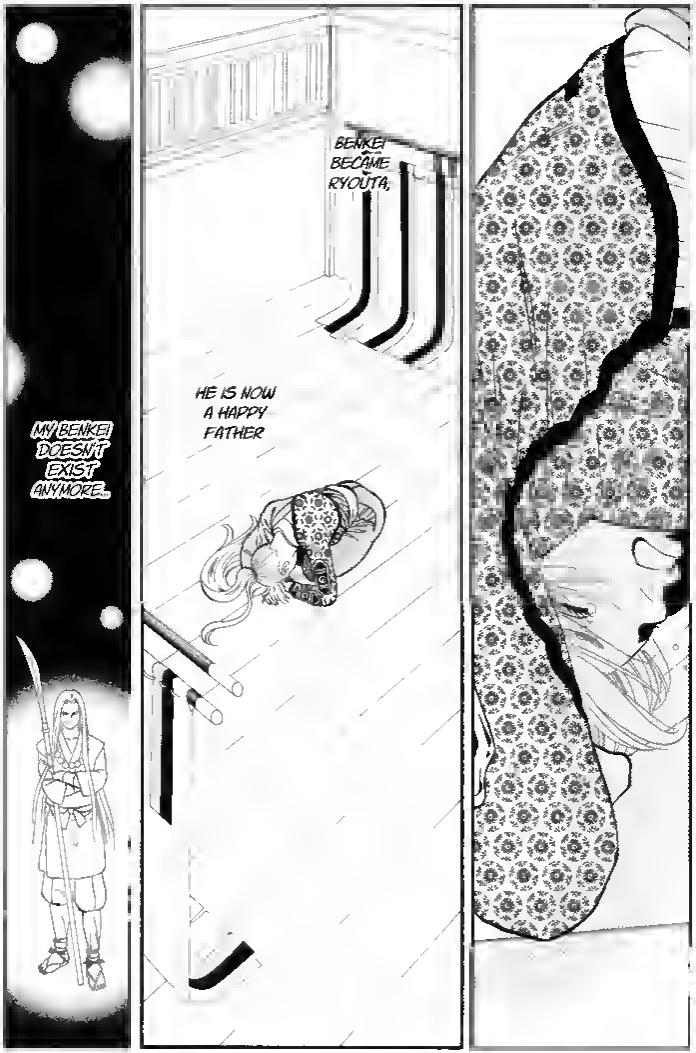
I NEVER PLANNED TO ENLIST THE VILLAGERS.
EVEN IF I HAD A MULTITUDE ACCOMPANY ME,
WITHOUT A RELATIONSHIP, WE WOULDN'T SUCCEED.
THEREFORE, WHETHER YOU COME WITH ME OR NOT...
DOESN'T MATTER.
GOOD-BYE, BENKEI.

-RYOUTA SAN,
ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?


MY BENKEI DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE...
HE IS NOW A HAPPY FATHER
BENKEI BECAME RYOUTA.

YOU'RE BACK?
RYO
RYO!
Fish
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SEEING IT...
MAKES IT TOO HARD ON ME!
ARE YOU GIVING UP?
REALLY...

REALLY?
THE PATHS THAT BENKEI AND I HAVE TO TAKE HAVE CHANGED!
EVEN OUR GOALS...
AND DREAMS!
ONE DAY,
I'LL LOOK BACK...
AND KNOW I MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.
YOU'VE MADE UP YOUR MIND,
YOSHI-TSUNE?

AOI, GO HELP THEM LOAD THE SUPPLIES.
YES...
NII-SAMA...
I'VE GATHERED 100 SOLDIERS FOR YOU.
!!
NII-SAMA?!
DON'T WORRY, I ENLISTED THEM FROM ANOTHER VILLAGE.
BUT THAT...
YOSHI-TSUNE,
WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING FOR?

IS IT FOR ME?
NO.
YOU'RE FIGHTING TO END THE OPPRESSION BY THE HEISHI.
AREN'T YOU FIGHTING TO OBTAIN A BETTER WAY OF LIFE?
EVERYONE IS BRINGING THAT WISH TO THE BATTLEFIELD.
THEIR LIVES ARE DEPENDENT ON YOUR LEADERSHIP
THAT...
I...
YOU CAN DEFINITELY DO IT!
IF YOU OVERCOME YOUR SORROWS,
YOU WILL DEFINITELY BECOME STRONGER

THE RECRUITMENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED!
HEY! EVERYONE, LISTEN UP—
Run
Run
REALLY?
Thank goodness
I THINK THEY'RE RECRUITING FROM YAMATE VILLAGE SO THEY DON'T NEED US ANYMORE.
WHY SO SUDDENLY ...?
NO NEED?
YOU WERE TARGETED FROM THE START!
LUCKY! RYOUTA,
You should be a bit happier!

GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
YOSHI-TSUNE-SAMA?!
DON'T BLOCK THE ROAD!
MOVE! OUT OF THE WAY!
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
NAMI...?

!!
PLOP
STOP!
BURN
FLAMES
RYOUTA-SAN!
FWOOM
SWISH
SWISH
NAMI...
WHY?
AND IT HAS HOLES, SO...
B-BECAUSE IT'S VERY OLD.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT THOSE MEMORIES ARE,
BUT,
THEY MUST BE VERY IMPORTANT!
EVEN THOUGH...
IT'S OLD AND WORN
IT HOLDS A LOT OF MEMORIES...
MEMORIES...?
RYOUTA-SAN!

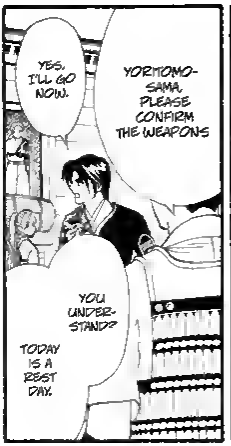
WHO ARE YOU?
I AM BENKEI
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SEE YOSHITSUNE-SAMA
WHAT?
PLEASE, I NEED TO SEE YOSHITSUNE-SAMA
THERE IS NO BENKEI IN THIS WORLD ANYMORE.
GO BACK!
YOSHITSUNE
HAS ALREADY ERASED YOUR EXISTENCE FROM HER HEART.

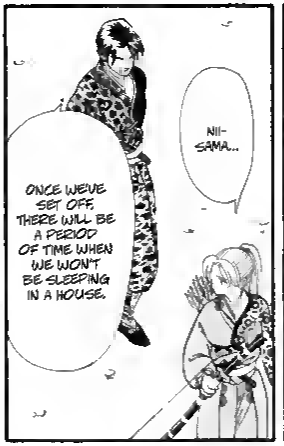
ERASED?
GALLOP
GALLOP
DON'T MESS WITH YOSHITSUNE'S HEART ANYMORE.
THWIP
GALLOP
GALLOP
THIS HAS LASTED A LONG TIME.
SHE HASN'T HAD ANY REST SINCE YESTERDAY.
WHEN EXERCISING THE BODY,
ONE DOES NOT THINK SO MUCH.

THE MORE I WANT TO FORGET HIM,
THE MORE I THINK ABOUT HIM!
THUNK
5 DAYS LEFT.
WAITING FOR TIME TO PASS,
4 DAYS LEFT.
THE WOUNDED HEART...
SEEMS UNABLE TO HEAL.
3 DAYS LEFT.

RYOUTA!
HUH...
PULL
!!
WAH!
HAUL IT UP QUICKLY!
2 DAYS LEFT.
Splash
Splash
SPLASHH
SO YOU'RE LESS ON GUARD?
MUST BE THE RELIEF OF NOT BEING RECRUITED.
YOU'VE BEEN VERY CARELESS LATELY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING RYOUTA?

WE'RE LEAVING TOMORROW!
HURRY UP WITH THAT! DON'T BE LAZY!
AOI, LET'S GO PRACTICE!
WHAT—?
YOU HAVE TO REST UP FOR TOMORROW.

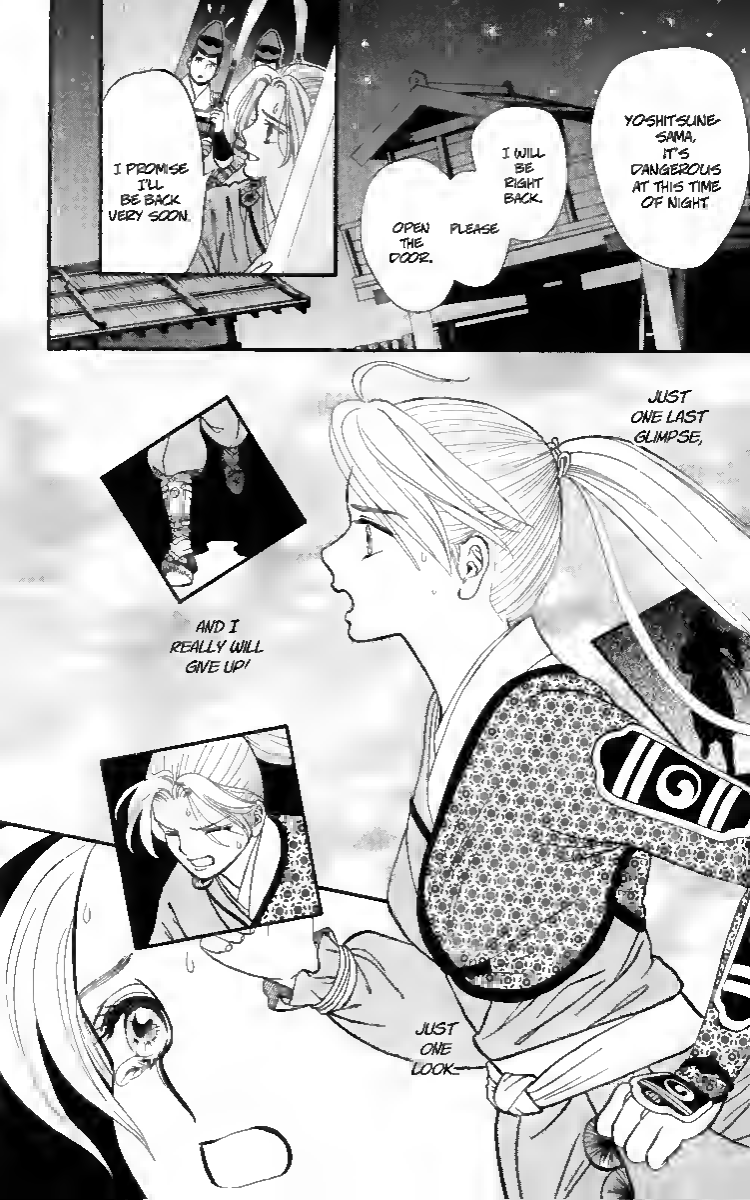

YES, I'LL GO NOW.
YORIMOMO-SAMA, PLEASE CONFIRM THE WEAPONS
YOU UNDER-STAND?
TODAY IS A REST DAY.


NII-SAMA...
ONCE WE'VE SET OFF, THERE WILL BE A PERIOD OF TIME WHEN WE WON'T BE SLEEPING IN A HOUSE.

BUT—
AOI IS RIGHT. HAVE A GOOD REST, YOSHI-TSUNE.

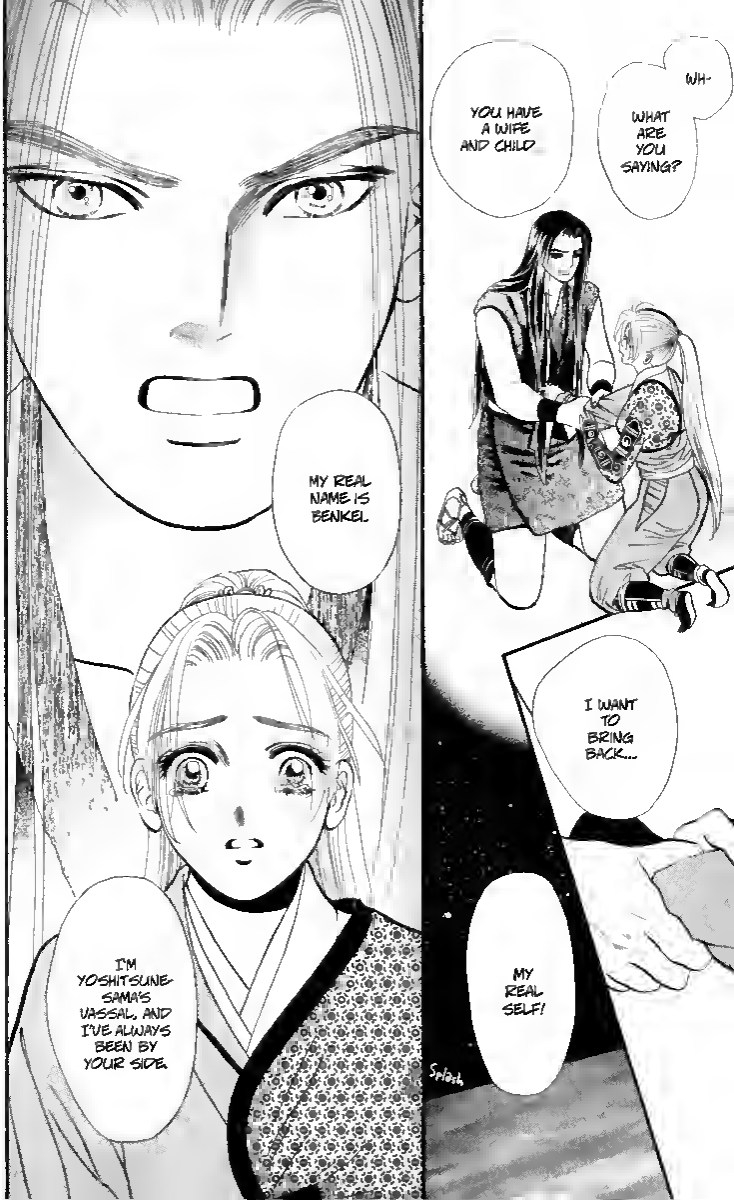
WHAT BEST DAY...?
RYO HAVE YOU GOT EVERYTHING READY?
OF COURSE, I AM READY TO LEAVE ANYTIME.
REALLY?
NO CONCERNS ON YOUR MIND??
EH.. WHAT?
IF YOU WANT TO SEE BENKEI, THIS IS YOUR ONLY CHANCE.
CAN YOU GO TO WAR JUST LIKE THAT?
DASH
THIS IS THE LAST DAY!
DON'T...
DON'T SAY ANYTHING MORE!
HE IS NOT BENKEI
RYO, DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

TODAY...
Today is the last day!
Pant Pant

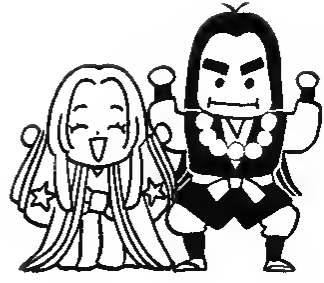

YOSHITSUNE-SAMA, IT'S DANGEROUS AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT.
I WILL BE RIGHT BACK.
PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR.
I PROMISE I'LL BE BACK VERY SOON.
JUST ONE LAST GLIMPSE,
AND I REALLY WILL GIVE UP!
JUST ONE LOOK—

Splash...
SO MANY THINGS CHANGE, BUT...
IS THIS MY HEART'S RESPONSE?
THE SKY, OCEAN AND DARKNESS ARE STILL—
TOO CLOSE IS DANGEROUS.
step
WHY DID YOU TRY TO SEE ME BEFORE?
I—
THOUGH I SAID I WANTED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE VILLAGERS,
THE TRUTH IS..

...I JUST WANT TO BE YOSHITSUNE-SAMA'S VASSAL...
FROM NOW ON.
IS THAT NOT POSSIBLE?
PLEASE TAKE ME WITH YOU!
TAKE ME ANYWHERE THAT YOSHITSUNE-SAMA NEEDS TO GO.
ANY-WHERE.


I'M YOSHITSUNE-SAMA'S VASSAL, AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN BY YOUR SIDE.
MY REAL NAME IS BENKEI.
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU HAVE A WIFE AND CHILD
I WANT TO BRING BACK...
MY REAL SELF!
Splash

THIS IS...
THE TRUTH.
YOU CAN'T!
YOU SHOULD PROTECT THE LIFE YOU HAVE NOW.



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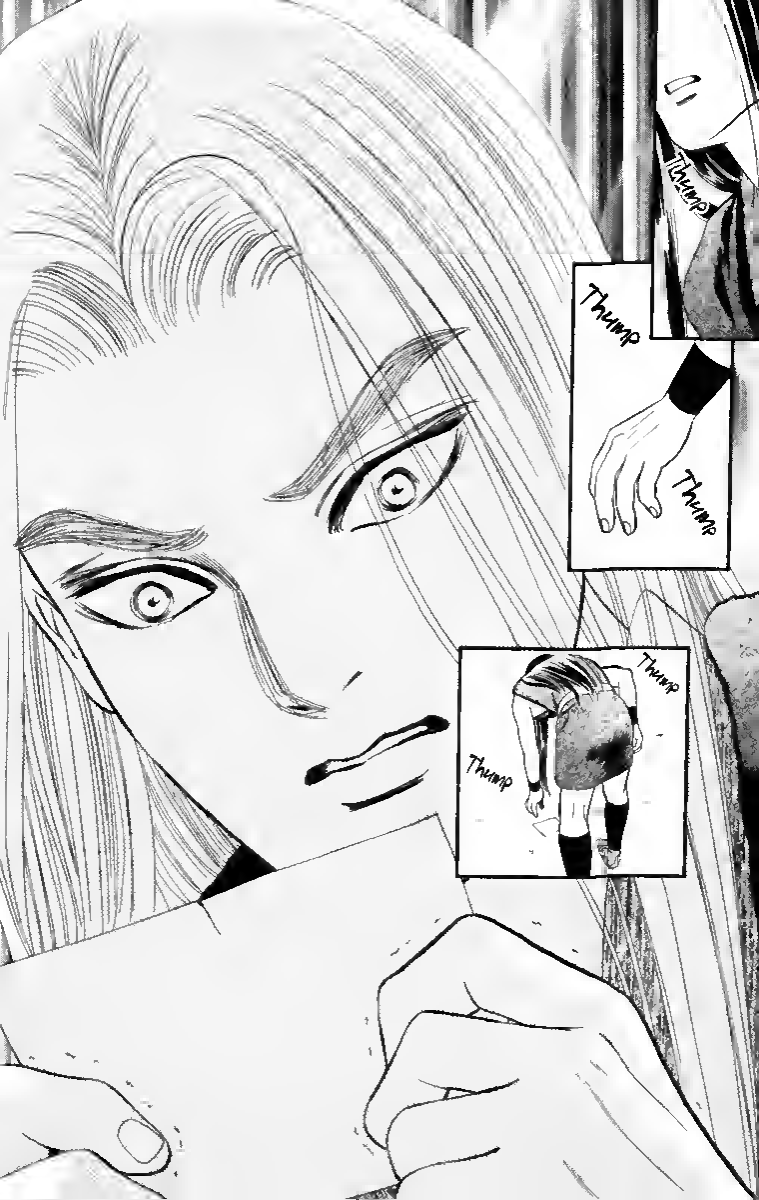
NO!
HOW CAN YOU DO THIS?
...
WHY...

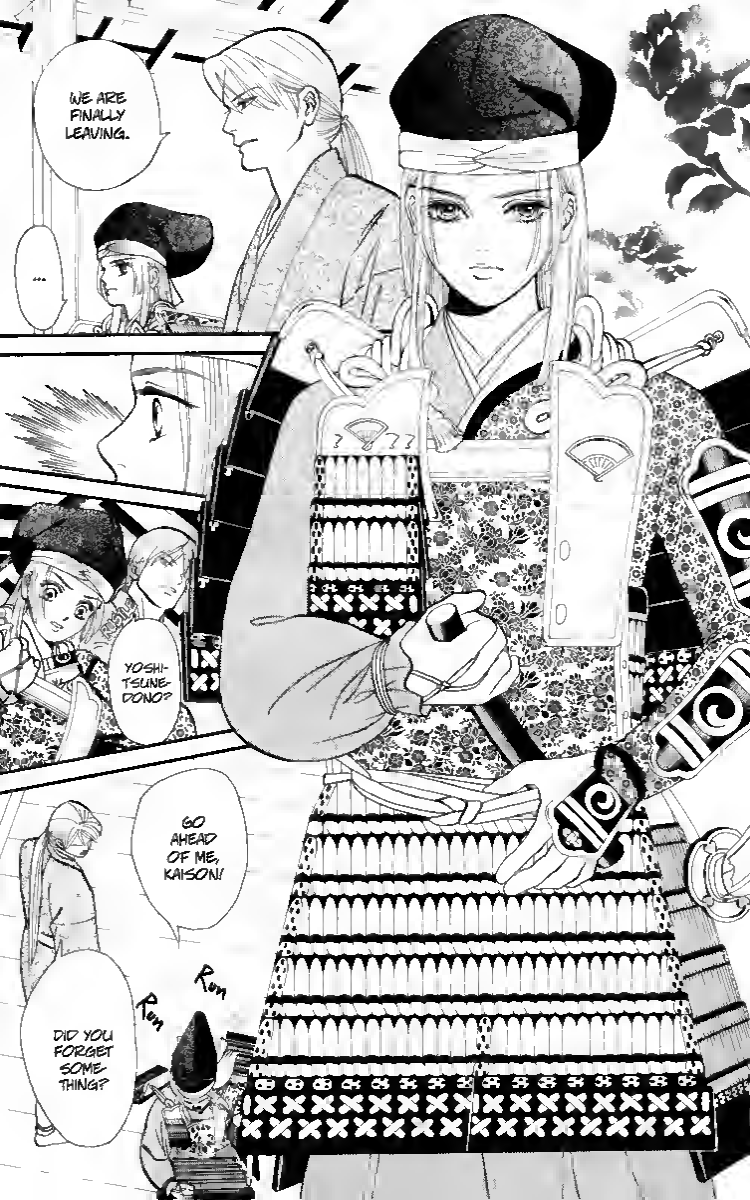
YO-YOSHI-TSUNE-SAMA,
I...
BENKEI HAS NEVER CALLED ME THAT!
YOSHITSUNE-SAMA...
Spring
PLEASE WAIT!


Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump

Creak
Creak
NII-SAMA...

Rustle
!!
RYOUTA-SAN!
WHERE DID YOU GO?
I THOUGHT YOU HAD LEFT ME BECAUSE YOU WERE ANGRY ABOUT THE COAT INCIDENT...
YOSHI-TSUNE'S TEARS...
LET TONIGHT'S STARS DRAIN THEM AWAY.

NAMI...
RYOUTA-SAN, IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING IS BOTHERING YOU.
WHAT IS IT?
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU...
Snip
Snip...
Cut
Plop
YOSHI-TSUNE-DONO,
I AM HERE TO ESCORT YOU.


WE ARE FINALLY LEAVING.
...
YOSHI-TSUNE-DONO?
GO AHEAD OF ME, KAISON!
Ron
Ron
DID YOU FORGET SOME-THING?

MAY I ASK WHAT YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR?
I WILL HELP LOOK, TOO.
BENKEI'S PHOTO!
Clang
BAM
NOT HERE!
CLANG
NOT HERE!
THERE IS NO NEED.
...
ARE YOU..
YES
YOSHITSUNE-SAMA'S BODYGUARDS?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHO KNOWS?
YORITOMO-SAMA JUST GAVE THE COMMAND.
WE HAVE TO SWITCH WITH YOU.
HUH?

REALLY WISH OUR LATE FATHER COULD HAVE SEEN THIS
NII-SAMA, I'M GOING.
YOSHI-TSUNE?
COME IN.
Swish
WOW, THAT ARMOR LOOKS GREAT ON YOU.

N-NII-SAMA!
YOU, YOU, TOO?
I'M GOING AS WELL!
I WANT THE HEISHI TO SEE HOW POWERFUL THE SOLDIERS OF THE EAST ARE!
I CAN FEEL THAT THIS WAR WILL DEFINITELY END IN OUR VICTORY!
DOESN'T MATTER WHY. AS LONG AS HE IS THE GENERAL, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
YORITOMO-SAMA?
WHY SO SUDDENLY?
I HEARD THAT YORITOMO-SAMA IS GOING TO BE THE GENERAL!

YORITOMO SAMA!
YORITOMO-SAMA!
YORITOMO-SAMA!
NII-SAMA IS GOING WITH ME!
RAISE THE FLAG!
HE IS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT MY PROBLEMS...
I CAN'T...
LET'S GO!
GO BACK-WARDS ANYMORE!
WAHHHH

I CAN ONLY GO FORWARD!
YES,
BUT SOMEONE TOLD US TO SWITCH WITH THEM BEFORE WE LEFT...
WHO?
AREN'T YOU YOSHITSUNE-DONO'S PERSONAL BODYGUARDS?
YOU LOT
THE SUBSTITUTE GUARDS
March
March
GALLOP
YOSHITSUNE-DONO!
GALLOP

GALLOP
PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
GALLOP
NEIGHH
STAB
URG!
Stab
THEY ARE THE HEISHI'S—
Schling
Slash
G'WAHH!
THE HEISHI'S ASSASSINS!
Swing
Slash
Fall
YOSHI-TSUNE!
Bam
THUD
!!

WHAM
I'M GOING TO DIE!
WHOOSH
WHO IS THAT?
Thud

BENKEI!!
SLASH

"I fell from a mountain cliff at Kumano into the sea, and Oju-sama saved me whilst I was drifting"
I remember it all
"Ryouta-san_!"
Many thanks, Nanatono, for looking after me
You gave me the name of Ryouta and the life of your husband while my memories were lost

"I..."
I am someone who only exists for the sake of Ryo-dono
However, in order for her to have a better life, I must follow Ryo-dono
My love for Tama has not changed
"Thank you for giving me this short, but stable lifestyle..
Ryouta-san! Don't!
Don't leave Tama and me behind!

HE DEFEATED THEM ALL ALONE!
SO SO FORMIDABLE!
Wipe
THUMP
RYO-DONO?
ARE YOU INJURED ANYWHERE..

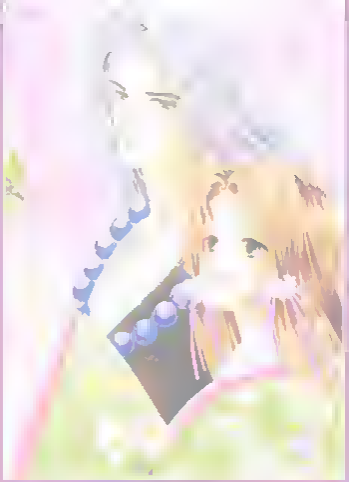
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY...
BENKEI...
IS BACK.

BENKEI IS BACK.
GREAT... IT'S NOT LOST.
AFTER I SAW THE PHOTO,
ALL MY MEMORIES CAME BACK.
NO NEED TO PART AGAIN.
I CAN'T SAY GOODBYE AGAIN.
O-YOU...
O'OU, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I WANT TO GO, TOO!

八幡大菩薩
AH!
TUMP
OTOU!
Pant
Pant
OTOU...
LEAVE HER
LITTLE GIRL, ARE YOU OKAY?
UH...
DON'T GO!!
OTOU! OTOU!
WAAAH!
FLAP
Otou
Sniff
FLAP

TO PROTECT RYO-DONO'S HAPPINESS.
IS MY HAPPINESS.
DOES IT REALLY NOT MATTER?
SENKEI...

However to me
From Nami-dono's view
perhaps you think I chose the path of war
It is the path of hope



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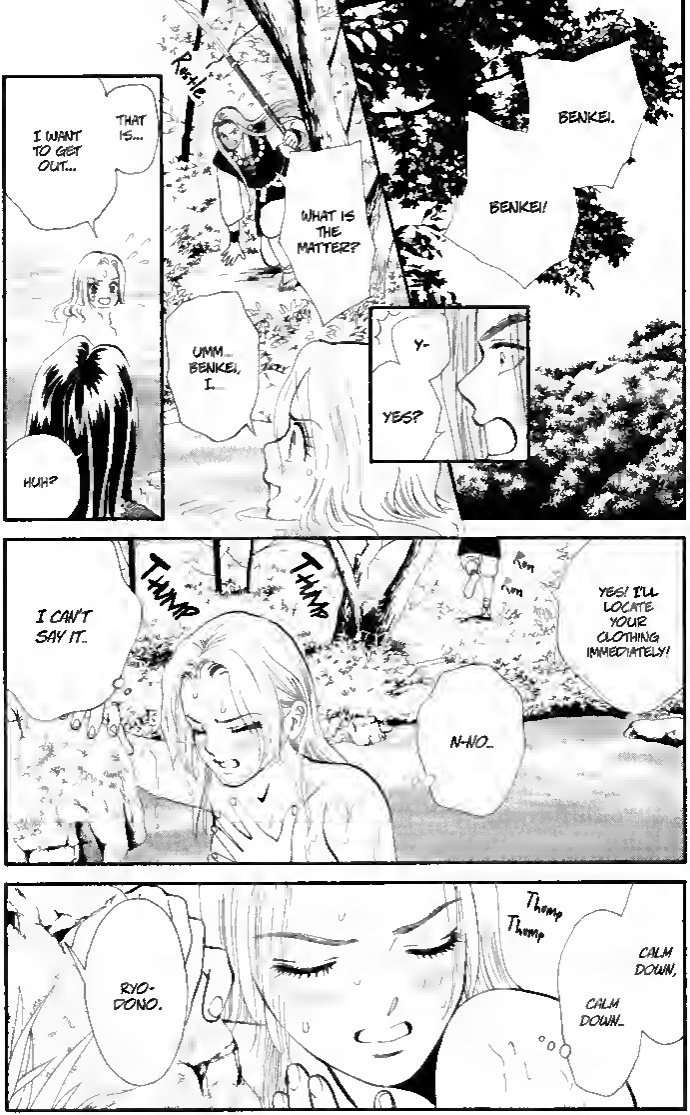
Scratch
Scratch
itchy
itchy
HAA-
Flap
SO RE-FRESHING.
YOU MAY GO IN NOW.
YAAY
DASH DASH
SPLASH

THERE'S NO ONE OVER THERE.
NO!
YOSHITSUNE IS BATHING OVER THERE!
IT'S CRAMMED!
EVERYONE SHOULDN'T JUMP IN AT THE SAME TIME!
GREAT —
HAA...
I'VE HAVEN'T BATHED FOR 5 DAYS...
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN ME, SATSUKI?
I'LL WAIT AND BATHE LATER
REALLY?
...

AREN'T YOU TWO ALREADY ENGAGED?
YORITOMO-SAMA WILL NOT COME TO THIS PLACE AT THE MOMENT
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
Swish
BENKEI DON'T YOU WANT TO BATHE WITH HER?
I NEED TO GO GET A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR YOSHITSUNE-DONO.
Walks away
SATSUKI ...!
BENKEI?
AH, NOTHING.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WAH!
EXCUSE ME...
YOSHITSUNE-DONO TOLD ME...
EVERY-THING.

BENKEI IS BACK.
...
IT STILL SEEMS LIKE A DREAM.
FROM THE DAY WE BECAME ENGAGED UNTIL NOW, 2 YEARS HAVE ALREADY PASSED.
2 YEARS?!
!!
DOES HE STILL REMEMBER OUR ENGAGEMENT?
BEN.. BENKEI


Rashe
BENKEI.
BENKEI!
WHAT IS THE MATTER?
Y-
YES?
UMM... BENKEI, I...
I WANT TO GET OUT...
THAT IS...
HUH?
THUMP
THUMP
I CAN'T SAY IT..
Rom Rom
YES! I'LL LOCATE YOUR CLOTHING IMMEDIATELY!
N-NO..
Thump Thump
CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN..
RYO-DONO.

I APOLOGIZE.
SATSUKI HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM RETRIEVING YOUR CLOTHES.
YOU'RE BLINDFOLDED WHAT IS THE MEANING BEHIND THAT?
IT IS A GENTLEMAN'S DUTY.

Hmph!
YOU'RE SO AGAINST SEEING...
MY BARE BODY?
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO...
NO!
I DO WANT TO SEE...
IF IT'S A GENTLEMAN'S DUTY THEN LOOK CLEARLY!
Removes
WAH!

Step
Step
YOU'RE ACTING AS IF WE'RE STRANGERS!
IT'S RARE FOR US TO BE ALONE, AND YOU COVER YOUR EYES.
I... I'M NOT...
WHAT HAPPENED AT KUMANO!
BENKEI DO YOU REMEMBER?
HUH?
WE..
AT KUMANO ..
I CAN'T SAY IT_!
THANK YOU..
RYO-DONO.
TAKE THIS!
ON OUR JOURNEY TO KUMANO WE OFTEN CAUGHT FISH FROM THE RIVER, RIGHT?
Tu-Du!

THE VOW OF ENGAGEMENT WE MADE AT KUMANO,
I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN IT.
BENKEI...!
Kneel

AFTER WE'VE SUPPRESSED THE HEISHI,
LET'S HAVE OUR WEDDING CEREMONY.
AT KUMANO?
YES, IN FRONT OF MY FATHER.
AFTERWARD AT KUMANO, WE CAN...
LIVE TOGETHER.
JUST YOU AND ME, TOGETHER...

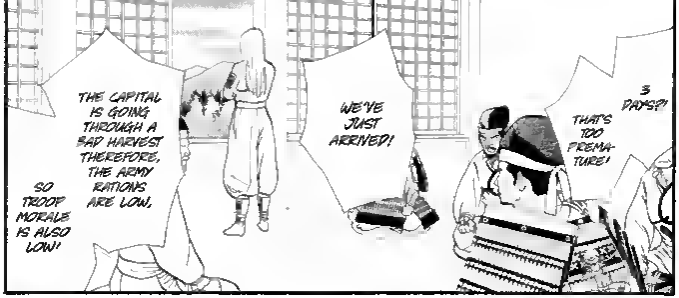
BENKEI!!
THANK YOU,
BENKEI.

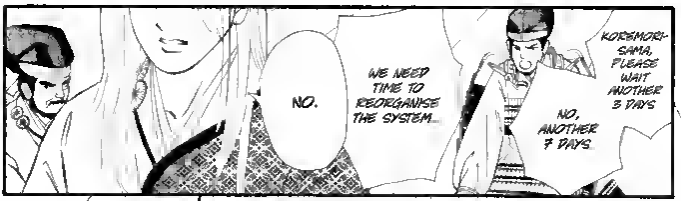
I WILL WORK HARD..
YOSHI-TSUNE.
WHY ARE YOUR EYES RED?
AH, THAT...
COULD IT BE...
THAT BENKEI IS MAKING YOU CRY AGAIN?
ONII-SAMA, IT ISN'T—
YOUR BENKEI IS NO DOUBT VERY STRONG.
THE OTHER DAY, YOU WERE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE ASSASSINS IN A FLASH, I ADMIRE THAT
HOWEVER FROM NOW ON..
GRAB

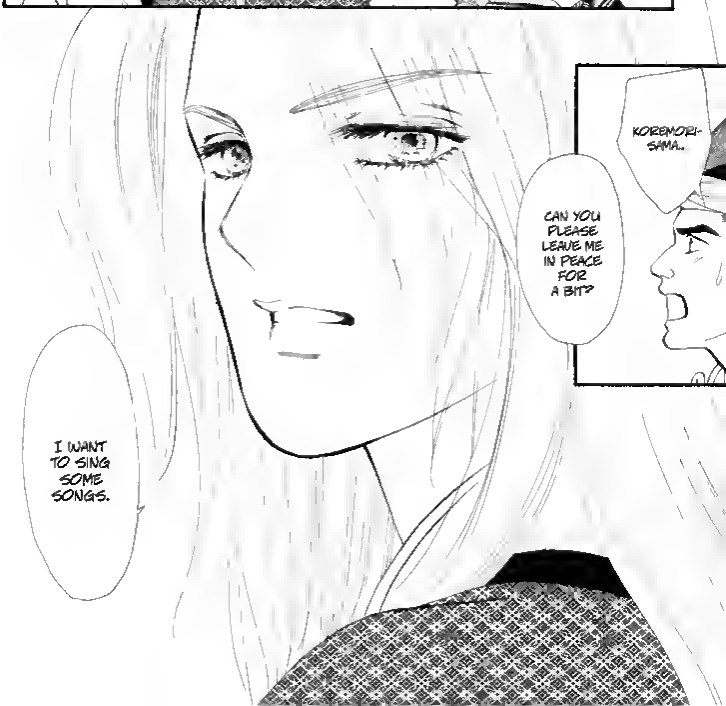
Completely silent...
IF YOU EVER MAKE YOSHI-TSUNE CRY AGAIN,
THEN,
I WILL DEFINITELY KILL YOU!
ONII-SAMA...
HAHAHAHA!
I'M ONLY JOKING. DON'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY!

WITH THAT INHUMAN STRENGTH, EVEN I CANNOT DEFEAT HIM!
YES-YES
AUUU, ONII-SAMA, HOW COULD YOU?!
THUMP
BENKEI,
GALLOP
GALLOP
WHO IS IT?
WAIT.
HE IS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT WE PLACED WITH THE HEISHI.
OH,
THANK YOU.
IT IS MY HONOR
GIVES ME MORE CONFI-DENCE.
YOUR PARTICI-PATION...

THE ENEMY'S LEADER IS KIYOMORI'S GRANDSON, TAIRA NO KOREMORI.
THE HEISHI ARE COMING FROM THE MIKAWA RIVER AND ARE HEADING TOWARD THE EAST!
Dun! Dun!
KOREMORI?!
HEISHI CAMP
KOREMORI-SAMA,
FUJIGAWA'S POSITION HAS BEEN REVEALED!
THE BATTLE WILL COMMENCE IN 3 DAYS!

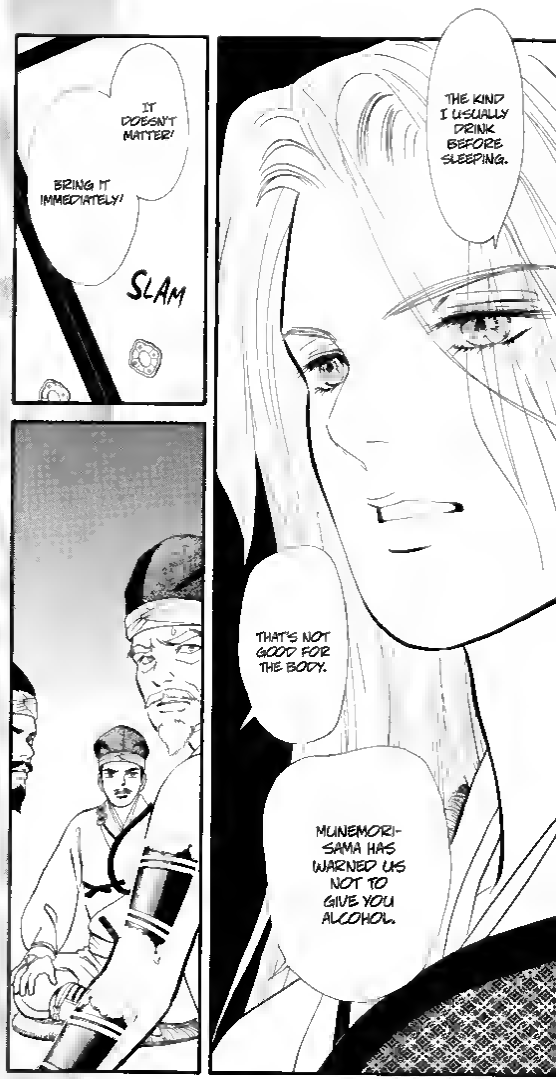

3 DAYS?!
THAT'S TOO PREMATURE!
WE'VE JUST ARRIVED!
THE CAPITAL IS GOING THROUGH A BAD HARVEST THEREFORE, THE ARMY RATIONS ARE LOW.
SO TROOP MORALE IS ALSO LOW!


KOREMORI-SAMA, PLEASE WAIT ANOTHER 3 DAYS
NO, ANOTHER 7 DAYS.
WE NEED TIME TO REORGANISE THE SYSTEM...
NO.


KOREMORI-SAMA..
CAN YOU PLEASE LEAVE ME IN PEACE FOR A BIT?
I WANT TO SING SOME SONGS.

BUT, HE CHOSE TO LEAD THIS BATTLE HIMSLEF.
HE CAN STILL SING SONGS AT THIS TIME.
WHAT DOES KOREMORI-DONO THINK WAR IS?
RATTLE
CAN WE RELAX WITH SUCH A COMMANDER?
CAN YOU ACCEPT THAT KIND OF PERSON AS YOUR GENERAL?
KO-KOREMORI-SAMA?
BRING ME SOME SAKE!
SAKE?

IT APPEARS THAT AFTER YOSHITSUNE-SAMA RAN AWAY FROM THE WEDDING, KOREMORI-SAMA CHANGED.
HE CAN'T SLEEP IF HE DOESN'T DRINK...
KOREMORI-SAMA IS SO PITIFUL.
NOW THAT THE GENJI HAVE RAISED THEIR FLAG, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER HE RECAPTURES YOSHITSUNE, KOREMORI-SAMA CANNOT SAFEGUARD THE HEISHI'S GLORY UNLESS HE DEFEATS THE GENJI.
HE IS ALREADY 23 AND STILL UNMARRIED... HIS HEART RESERVED FOR YOSHITSUNE-SAMA.


IT DOESN'T MATTER!
BRING IT IMMEDIATELY!
SLAM
THE KIND I USUALLY DRINK BEFORE SLEEPING.
THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE BODY.
MUNEMORI-SAMA HAS WARNED US NOT TO GIVE YOU ALCOHOL.

Creak
RYO...
RYO IS
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SHORE.
CRASH
THE BATTLE COMMENCES IN 3 DAYS.
GENJI CAMP
THE GENERAL IS KOREMORI; WE CAN'T LET HIM OFF EASY!
YOSHI-TSUNE!
YOSHI-TSUNE.
REMEMBER

REMEMBER THE HUMILIATION KOREMORI BROUGHT UPON YOU!
YES,
YOUR DAYS OF BEING PURSUED BY THE HEISHI ARE OVER!
NOW IS TIME TO FACE THE ENEMY,
AND FIGHT FOR VICTORY!
ONII-SAMA!

WHAT IS THE MATTER, KYO-DONO?
I CAN'T SLEEP...
I'M GOING FOR A WALK.
CRAK
I'LL COME WITH YOU.
I'LL GO BY MYSELF.
I WANT TO THINK THINGS OVER ALONE.
'It is time to fight for victory!'
SWEEP

KOREMORI IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER...
UNLESS I DEFEAT KOREMORI,
UNLESS I DEFEAT THE HEISHI,
BENKEI AND I WILL NOT HAVE A FUTURE.
Splash
Splash
AN ENEMY?
!

SWING
!!

...
RYO...
KOREMORI?!
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♡ "Yoritomo has finally made his appearance, but I was extremely worried about his personality before I drew him. Surprisingly, in the end, I thought (to myself) it'd be so nice to have a big brother like him... He became a brother that stayed beside you, had fun with you, and kept an open mind. On top of drawing your own manga, one of the most interesting things to do is to create an ideal person and freely shape them. However, my ideal person is made up of 5 characters. Benkei, Koremori, Aoi, Kaison, and Yoritomo. I wonder if that person exists..."

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